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FCNB sponsors Hall of Fame for 22 years



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First Citizens National Bank representative, Rob Fitzgerald, presents a \$700 check to President John Halstead to sponsor the Alumni/Athletic Hall of Fame. First Citizens has been a sponsor since 1983.

By ERICA HUDOCK
Flashlight News Co-Editor

First Citizens National Bank agreed to sponsor the MU Alumni/Athletic Hall of Fame for the 22nd consecutive year. First Citizens representative, Rob Fitzgerald, presented the \$700 donation on August 19.

President John Halstead accepted the check on behalf of the organization. Denise Berg, Alumni Relations director, and the Alumni Association will use the money to continue the annual program that recognizes MU Alumni.

"We are thrilled that First Citizens National Bank is again helping sponsor the Mansfield University Alumni/Athletic Hall of Fame," said Berg. "First

Citizens has played a large part in the success of the Hall of Fame since its inception in 1983 and we are grateful for their continued support in this worthy event."

There are currently 106 members in the Alumni/Athletic Hall of Fame.

The Hall of Fame began in 1983 as the highest honor for a member of the university's athletic department. Each inductee is not only acknowledged for his or her outstanding athletic careers, but by their sportsmanship and how he or she has continued to positively impact

their families and teammates.

As part of the recognition, a banquet will be held in the North Manser Dining Hall and the inductees' portraits will be hung on the Wall of Fame located in the lobby of Decker Gymnasium.

The annual Hall of Fame Banquet will be held of Friday, Oct. 1 with the reception of five new inductees. Those included are John Michael Cook '95, Duane MacDonald '91, Carl Lindquist (posthumous) '41, and Tom Costello. James Platt, an 1898 graduate, will be inducted into the Legends category of the Hall of Fame.

President Halstead Announces New VP for Finance and Administration

By SARAH STOERMER
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Michael Reid was named Vice President for Finance and Administration at Mansfield University, replacing Steve Bronn who retired this month.

"This appointment is the culmination of a comprehensive national search process which attracted high caliber candidates to our campus in the Twin Tiers," President John Halstead said. "Mike Reid is a perfect fit to oversee the Division of Finance and Administration given his strong fiscal and planning skills as well as in-depth experiences in purchasing, facilities, and personnel."

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Reid has served as the Vice President of Administration and Finance at Pueblo Community College of Pueblo, CO since 2001. In this position, he managed a staff of over 100 employees during the transition of the entire college administration and severe budget deficit. Before serving at Pueblo Community College, Reid was director

of procurement and capital facilities planning at Southern Utah University. He has also served as director of purchasing, risk management and telecommunications at Dixie State College in St. George, Utah and materials manager at Utah State University in Logan, Utah.

Halstead says that Reid "brings to the table strong budgetary and analytical skills combined with a deep respect

for people. He is a creative problem-solver who has implemented a number of results-oriented business and technological practices."

Reid looks forward to beginning his career in mansfield which is effective Sept. 1.

"I'm excited and honored to have been selected to join the team at Mansfield University. It is a rare opportunity to find such a quality institution paired with such a phenomenal place to live and raise a family. Everyone I've met so far has just been outstanding and I'm looking forward to arriving and being a part of such a wonderful community," said Reid.

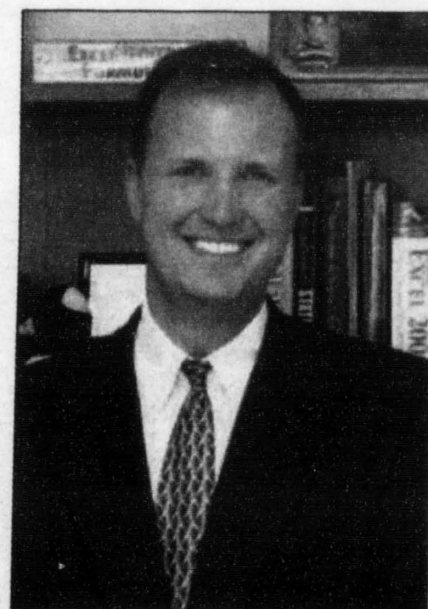


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Michael Reid will take over the position of Vice President for Finance and Administration as of September 1.



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New quarterback coach spent time in NFL, NFL Europe, XFL, AFL, and CFL!

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Today's Weather



Partly Cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 80° Low: 60°

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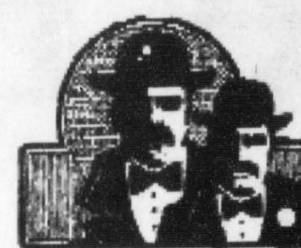
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Campus Bulletin Board

★ The Flashlight would
like to extend congratula-
tions to the following

**Faculty Members for
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Benjamin, assistant profes-
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Chua, assistant professor
of History and Political
Science; Andrew
Gaskiewicz, assistant pro-
fessor of History and
Political science; Shellie
Gregorich associate pro-
fessor of Music; Vincent
Jenkins, assistant profes-
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Literature; Mark Daniel
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K. Sue Young, associate
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Scattered T-Storms
with a 40% chance of
precipitation.

High: 76° Low: 61°

WEDNESDAY



AM Clouds / PM Sun with
a 20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 74° Low: 52°

MONDAY



Scattered T-Storms
with a 40% chance of
precipitation.

High: 73° Low: 53°

THURSDAY



Partly Cloudy with
no chance of
precipitation.

High: 76° Low: 53°

TUESDAY



AM Clouds / PM Sun with
a 20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 73° Low: 52°

FRIDAY



Partly Cloudy with
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MU vs. West Chester
Open: 8:00-4:00**



Good luck to the Mountaineer football,
marching band, dance team, field hockey
and women's soccer for a successful
2004-2005 season!

**Last day to return books with
receipt is September 8.**

Meet the editors



Michelle Peet

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ATTENTION HONORS PROGRAM STUDENTS

Thursday, Sept. 2nd is the first REQUIRED meeting for ALL Honors Program students. Meeting takes place in North Manser Dining Hall, check-in at 4:15, dinner service at 4:30, meeting begins at 5:00, we will be done by 6:00 p.m. All Honors students will be receiving a NEW blue Honors Folder. Consult the letter you received during the summer for all other important information.



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Mansfield University sororities hold rush

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight News Co-Editor

Mansfield University Panhellenic Formal Rush will be taking place from Aug. 30 through Sept. 3.

Rush Week open houses for Alpha Sigma Alpha, Alpha Sigma Tau, Delta Zeta and Zeta Tau Alpha will be held at the AHUB for all interested parties to meet the social sororities on campus.

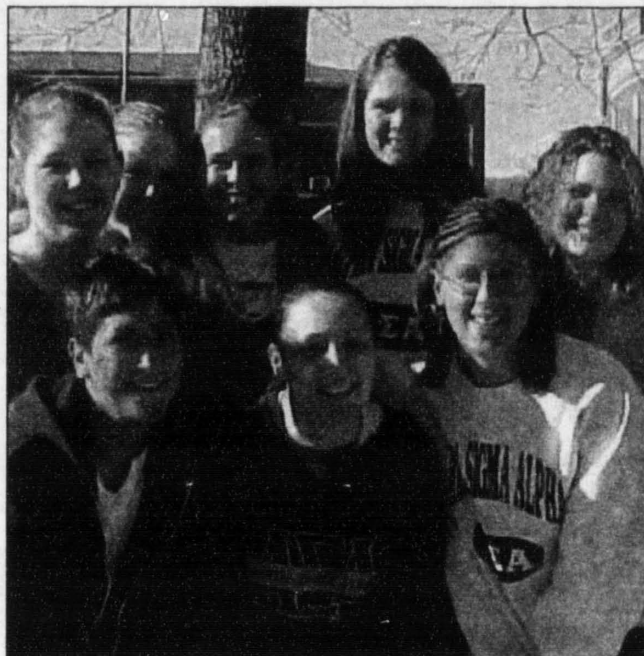


PHOTO FROM WWW.MANSFIELD.EDU

Sorority sisters gather together for a photo to enjoy Greek Week events held last spring. There are four social sororities at MU.

"Events like this are held so students can make an educated decision when choosing which fraternity or sorority he or she wishes to be affiliated with," Jody Hare head of Greek Life, said.

By attending Rush students are not automatically committed to a Greek organization. The event is geared towards making information easily accessible to interested students. Then the interested party is able to make an educated decision on their level of involvement with Greek Life and a particular sorority.

This week events are open to all female students who meet the 2.0 Q.P.A. Freshmen are also welcome to participate. Their eligibility will be based upon their high school transcripts.

"This week is organized in order to provide an opportunity for interested students to meet all of the sisters in each sorority and see what they have to offer. It is important that anybody that is interested get all the right information, directly from the sorority itself," Emily Danielson, Graduate Assistant of Greek Affairs and Community Learning Services, said.

Male students interested in learning about Fraternities at Mansfield are invited to attend rush Sept. 7 through Sept. 10.

MU hosts first art exhibit of the year

By ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Mansfield University gallery will host two art exhibitions featuring a celebrated collection of ceramic art and display of original paintings from the graduate art education program. "Harrison McIntosh and Karen Karnes: Ceramics from the Collection of Lee Baldwin" and "Journaling through Metaphor" opens for the public beginning Monday, Aug. 30 and last through Thursday, Sept. 23.

Lee Baldwin began her collection in the 1970s with her gallery, The Fat Duck, which was located in Corning, NY. In this exhibit, Baldwin includes the works of McIntosh and Karnes whose art has been displayed in several national museums.

The Renwick Gallery of the Smithsonian, Museum of Contemporary Crafts in New York City and the Everson Museum of Art in Syracuse are some of the many institutions where McIntosh's pottery has been displayed. Karnes used salt glazed ceramics as her medium that were then exhibited at institutions such as the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

The exhibit "Journaling through Metaphor" comprises the works of graduate students Amy Barker and Joe Engle. Both artists express the uniqueness and beauty of individuals and the life's encounters that

mark a person's life.

A discussion and reception will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 2 by the MU Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee in the gallery located in North Hall. Visitors are welcome to view the exhibit Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

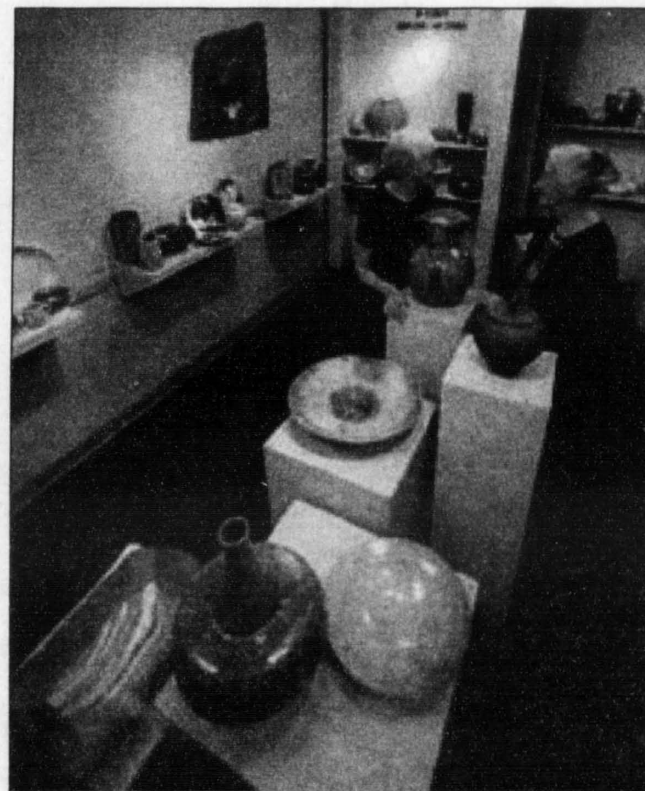


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Karen Karnes, right, stands with owner of The Clay Palace, Elvira Peake, where a sale of her work was being held.

Mansfield tuition increase rank low among other schools

By ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PASSHE) Board of Governors approved a 4.6% tuition increase this past July for all 14 state-owned universities.

For a full-time, resident undergraduate student, the new tuition rate is now \$4,810 for the full academic year. Although this \$212 increase may have raised a few eyebrows, the PASSHE board members reassure students that the revenue will be applied to continually support student academic programs and allow for campus renovations and rebuilding. On July 8, the board approved a more than \$70 million spending plan for renovation, expansion, or construction plans of 10 buildings on nine PASSHE campuses in the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Board Chairman Charles A. Gomulka agrees that a tuition increase was necessary to better serve the students, but enforces that the universities

must also play a part in helping to keep these increases at a minimal rate.

"Our Universities have managed remarkably through three years of harsh budget constraints," Gomulka said. "While PASSHE benefited this year from the modest improvement in the Commonwealth's fiscal condition, we must ask the Universities to continue with their efforts to reduce spending and to increase operational efficiencies."

According to a press release from PASSHE, they did receive a 3.89% increase or \$16 million dollars more than in 2003-2004. Even though this is the first considerable increase in the last four years, the funding is still about 1% or \$4 million less than received in 1999-2000.

"Our Universities continue to face difficult fiscal challenges," Gomulka said. "We look forward to working with Governor Rendell and the

members of the General Assembly to ensure our Universities have the resources necessary to provide the quality education our students deserve."

Other universities in Pennsylvania have experienced budget difficulties as well, resulting in tuition increases. The University of Pittsburgh board of trustees increased tuition by 6% for students who have at least finished one full year of school, according to an article from the university paper, The Pitt News.

For in-state students, that is a \$516 increase to a total of \$9,130 for the year. Out of state students will see a \$1,074 increase to a

\$19,000 total for a full year.

Penn State University is seeing a slightly higher tuition hike at 6.6% to a \$10,408 main-campus tuition cost. A

6.4% raise in tuition has been added for Ithaca College students while Villanova University tuition costs will reach a 8.7% increase.

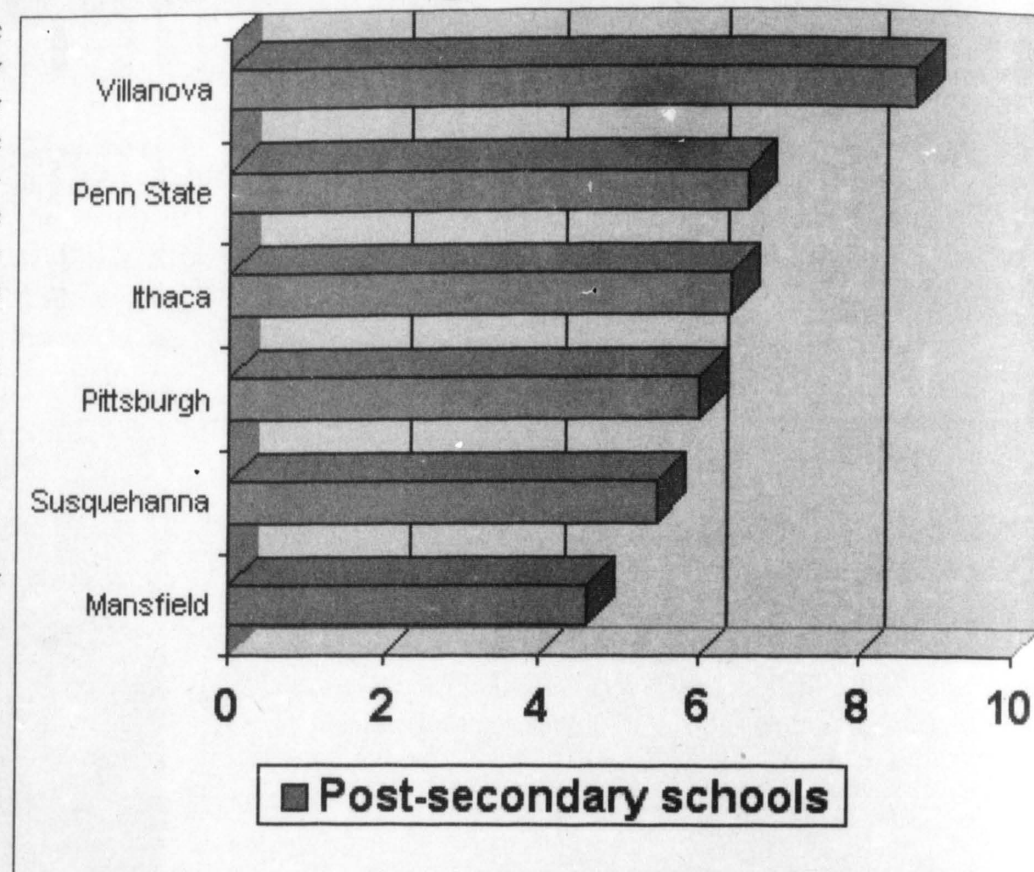


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The numbers on this graph represent the percent increase in the yearly tuition for Mansfield University and other schools. Mansfield and the other 13 schools of the PASSHE rank the lowest among these schools for the 2004-2005 year.

What in the world

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight News Co-Editor

PARIS, France—Wednesday, France helped Parisians remember the "tears, the joy and the euphoria" that accompanied the liberation of Paris 60 years ago by re-living the day they broke from Nazi occupation.

MOSCOW, Russia—Russian officials have not found any signs of terrorism in near-simultaneous crashes of two passenger jets. After taking off from Moscow's Domodedovo Airport, Tuesday night, the planes crashed within minutes of each other, killing all aboard. The following day, a spokesman for the Federal Security Service said that while a preliminary investigation of the crash sites had not revealed evidence of a terrorist act, terrorism was still on the table as a possible cause.

NAJAF, Iraq—Iraq's most powerful Shiite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, called on Iraqis to march to Najaf in order to help rescue the holy city on

Wednesday. Najaf is the site of nearly three weeks of fighting between insurgents and U.S. and Iraqi troops. Insurgents are followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and are positioned inside and around the Imam Ali Mosque, a site sacred to Shiites.

BENGASI, Libya—Jesse Jackson, U.S. civil rights activist, has met AIDS-infected children in the Libyan city of Bengasi, which Libyan authorities say were intentionally infected by international medical workers. Five Bulgarian medical personnel and a Palestinian doctor were convicted last May of spreading AIDS to 400 Libyans — mostly children. At least 23 of the infected children reportedly died of AIDS.

SAO PAULO, Brazil—Assailants beat a woman, sleeping on the streets of Sao Paulo, to death. Bringing the number of homeless people beaten to death in less than a week in South America's biggest city to six, police said Sunday. Four other homeless people, three men

and a woman, were seriously injured in similar attacks shortly before dawn on Sunday in different areas of downtown Sao Paulo.



LONDON, England—British Airways flights are still being canceled, after thousands were stranded by canceled flights at London's Heathrow Airport because of staff shortages at the airline. In addition to eight flights already canceled Wednesday, BA said a further six services would not fly.

DENVER, Colorado—DNA evidence tested by defense experts in the Kobe Bryant sexual assault case may have been contaminated, prosecutors said in a court filing released Wednesday. Prosecutors

said they had found contamination in DNA "control" samples intended to ensure accurate testing. Prosecutors also said data from the defense's experts appears to have been manipulated.

CHICAGO, Illinois—The state of Illinois sued the Dave Matthews Band earlier this week for allegedly dumping up to 800 pounds of liquid human waste from a bus into the Chicago River, dousing a tour boat filled with passengers. The lawsuit seeks \$70,000 in civil penalties.

PHOENIX, Arizona—Dr. Elisabeth Kubler-Ross, an internationally known psychiatrist, author and expert on death and dying who became a pioneer for hospice care, has died at the age of 78.

ST. LOUIS, Missouri—A handful of motorcyclists were on Highway 364 Saturday when they changed lanes and cut off a Ford Explorer, forcing that vehicle to swerve to the right and hit a Chevrolet Suburban. The Suburban tumbled down an

embankment, ejecting most of its eight occupants. Five people in that vehicle were seriously injured; the other three sustained lesser harm. Authorities are searching the group of highway stunt motorcyclists blamed for the wreck.

PHILADELPHIA, Pennsylvania—A house fire, that killed two firefighters, was started by wires and lamps that were installed to grow marijuana in a basement closet. The man who police say was responsible for the drug operation was charged with third-degree murder.

NEW YORK—A machine that lets drinkers inhale shots of alcohol went on display Friday night, even as one lawmaker warned the device was "a disaster waiting to happen." The Alcohol Without Liquid vaporizer mixes the alcohol with pressurized oxygen. It takes about 20 minutes to breathe in one shot, giving drinkers the effect of alcohol without hangover.

Information taken from
www.CNN.com

Game Review: Doom 3

Long awaited sequel from ID software lives up to hype

By NOAH WOEHLER
Flashlight Games Editor

Doom 3 has finally arrived in homes around the world and never before have I said the phrase "scared the bajesus out of me" more than now. After a 10 year wait, the latest volume in the Doom series has made its arrival and it has been nothing short of spectacular. With an amazing soundtrack, unheard of graphics and a well crafted plot line, Doom 3 lives up to its hype and manages to deliver even more.

Doom 3 retells the story of the original Doom, wherein you're a marine that's just been stationed on a base in Mars when the proverbial crap hits the fan. A super-sized corporation called the UAC has set up a base on Mars for exploration of ruins that were left there by unknown people. It also seems a scientist has found a way to set up teleportation which ultimately leads to the invasion of the base by Hell's evil denizens. Lawyers you ask? Retail outlet workers you say? No, but plenty of demons and other mutant horrors.

The best aspects of the game

include the sound track and the effects. Right from the start you're nailed with a metal song at the menu screen that gets you totally psyched to play. Once in the game you are constantly followed by haunting voices and blood-curdling screams, some of them being your own when you see an Imp Demon flying at your face after opening a door.

Another great addition to the game is the voice acting by the different staff members who worked in the doomed base. During the game you pick up their PDA's and listen to the work they did on the base as well as them describe the voices they heard in the bottom levels. ID Software did a



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great job establishing the mood of the game, which successfully gave me nightmares.

The controls are pretty straightforward and relatively easy to pick up. Seasoned First Person Shooter players will have no problem picking this up and going to town. The only frustration I had was that you have to constantly switch back and forth between your flashlight and

your weapon. Although it definitely adds to the creepiness factor, it can also become very frustrating. Not to worry though, about as soon as the game was released someone had posted a modification for it allowing you to use the flashlight with various weapons. The mod was aptly named the "Duct Tape" mod. The genius reasoning behind this was that in the future on a Martian space station that there is bound to be some duct tape laying around. This further proves that duct can really fix anything, even when Hell takes over.

Standing at the pinnacle of this game's great points are the graphics. Few games can hold a candle to the amount of different special effects

and eye candy that this game delivers. Right off the bat you'll notice the ground breaking lighting effects around every corner. One of the most impressive points is the haze you can see emanating from fire and gas leaks. Possibly the only downside to the amazing graphical detail is that it takes a NASA super computer to run the game on High Detail. Since the game demands so much on the graphical side that most gamers have had to upgrade some part of their computer just to play it. Although this is downer for many people who can't afford it, it is definitely worth the upgrade.

This has the potential to be the best game of 2004. It is the total package of graphics, sound, control and an amazing storyline. For anyone who has never played Doom this is a great place to start. A disclaimer though is that this is not for the weak of heart. With enough blood on the wall to make Friday the 13th look like an episode of Blue's Clues, Doom is not a game to played with all the lights out.

The summer stays alive with reality TV

By JOSEPH KING
Flashlight Features Editor

The monotony of a long, not-so-hot, summer was broken with voyeuristic jaunts into the annals of reality Television. With mindless entertainment ranging from the car wreck that was the *Simple Life* 2, to the abomination that is George W. Bush attempting to say the word "nuclear"; my summer was improved by watching other people be bigger losers that I consider myself to be.

Highlights in this seemingly endless summer came as the heat finally decided to show up and the rain began to subside: the *Amazing Race* is simply that, amazing; and the fifth season of *Big Brother* has proven itself a true sudser worthy of a Daytime Emmy award.

The Amazing Race takes 13 teams around the world in a race in which contestants must perform challenges and out-wit their competitors. With an unusually broad cast the contestants this year included a "mature (i.e. retired)" couple that were, until the show, "dating" on the internet;

last years *Big Brother* 4 finalist Alison and the oft-mentioned Donnie (disappointingly eliminated in the second show); and several pairs of siblings, friends and spouses that includes one set of twins. Oh, and a "little person" with the cousin from hell. Mirna and Charlotte were the brightest spot on this show, with Mirna (the "Little" person) carrying the majority of the loads while her whiney, bitchy cousin pissed everybody else of and was relentless in her enthusiastic crush on the shows host Phil Keoghan.

With locales that have ranged from Argentina to Russia to Southern Africa, the contestants truly get to explore the world, albeit not on their own terms. Given small amounts of cash the contestants are forced to experience each country far closer to the average indigenous citizen that the typical tourist; although for the most part from the back of a Taxi.

Not without drama, the show has egomaniacal contestants getting into clashes with locales along the way; one contestant was

nearly thrown in jail and another had a run-in with a bullying taxi driver along the way. And then there is Collin, a dominating rogue that verbally abuses his girlfriend/partner as his ego grows ever larger and his intelligence continually diminishes while he heads for what hopefully will be an entertaining meltdown. Stay tuned.

Big Brother 5, the fifth installment of this series that throws thirteen strangers into a house for thirteen weeks, eliminating one a week until a winner is declared. Proving itself to be a guilty voyeuristic pleasure that exploded early this season, BB5 is rife with twists and drama that have

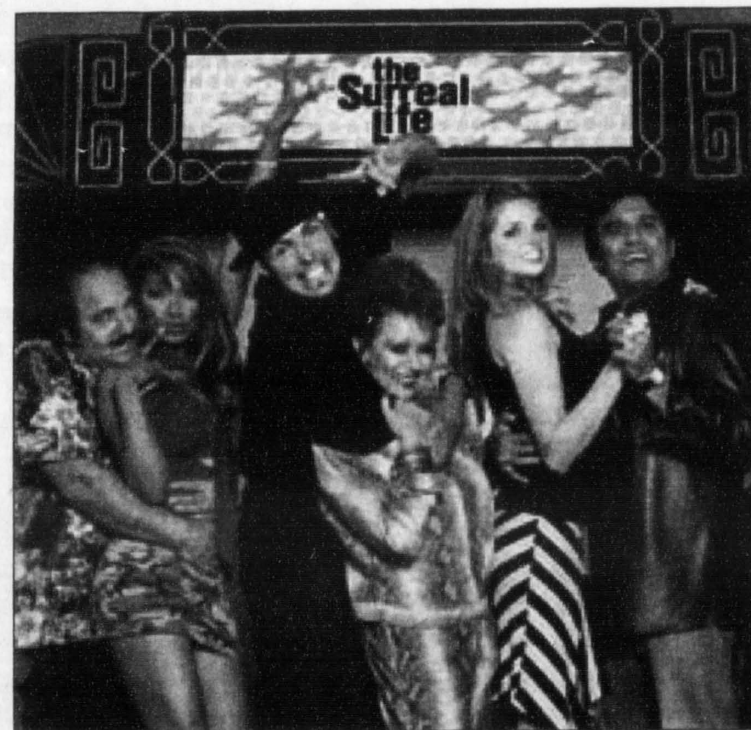


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been sorely lacking in the previous editions.

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Charles renews modern musical integrity with new release

By JOSEPH KING
Flashlight Features Editor

In a year of mediocre music releases from younger "hipper" artists, the "old timers" have decided led the way in both musical craftsmanship and quality songwriting. The latest example comes this Tuesday in the form of the late Ray Charles posthumously released duets.

In a time when the idea of an artist exploring new or different genres sends chills of terror down the spine of any record executive, Charles effortlessly flows through a myriad of styles seamlessly and flawlessly. Working with several younger generations Charles fluently out performs almost every one.

With guests ranging from Nora Jones to B.B. King to Elton John, alluding to the tone of this remarkable album eclectic seems understated. Beginning with twelve classic songs, most of them previously recorded either by Charles or the guest artist, and the original premise seems a safe (re: boring) premise. Add outstanding production values to the mix and allow Charles a little room to re-interpret each song and you receive a surprisingly good product.



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The afore-mentioned Jones opens the album with Charles on "Here We Go Again," and with just the right affect: creating a heartbreaking interpretation of Charles' 1967 classic. With Billy Preston on Hammond organ adding just the right backing and supporting Charles's subdued vocals impeccably, the track becomes a sublime study of the resigned acceptance of a lost love.

Jazz Diva Dianna Krall offers her sultry vocals to the first example from Charles'

highly acclaimed 1962 album *Modern Sounds in Country & Western Music*: the Eddie Arnold Classic "You Don't Know Me," remarkably improving what was once considered the definitive interpretation. The subdued production by Phil Ramone intensifies the intimate tone and elevates the original into a steamy paean to unrequited love.

Charles performs the improbable when he undertakes the Elton John classic "Sorry Seems To Be The Hardest Word," and improves it. With a subtly aching vocal, Charles takes the song to an altogether new plane; imparting intimacy against John's slightly disconnected vocals.

In an altogether unexpected move, Charles invites Willie Nelson to join him on the Sinatra classic "It Was A Very Good Year." With a full orchestra Nelson sounds slightly out-of-place, but Charles imparts a wistful longing into the dated-but-relatable experiences explored in the song: "It was a very good year/ For city girls that lived upstairs/ With all that perfume in their hair/ That came undone/ When I was twenty one."

Charles' contemporary B.B. King gives

his best performance in years on "Sinner's Prayer," their first collaboration in decades. King is positively inspired by the energy Charles brings to the track, giving an ebullient performance that extols the joys of playing with a seasoned professional, something that was sorely lacking on King's collaboration with Eric Clapton *Riding With The King*.

As a wink to the audience, the cycle closes with the genesis of this album: Charles' collaboration with the inimitable Van Morrison on Morrison's classic from 1970 "Crazy Love." Filmed as part of the television special "Songwriters Hall Of Fame," this pairing became the impetus for these collaborations.

As a concept, duets seems like just another throw-out from an aging artist attempting to make himself relevant in "modern" times; in reality Charles imparts himself into these twelve collaborations, giving them a sense of intimacy and the guest artists strive to display their relevance to Charles. By bringing the songs and artists to himself, Charles has created an intimate and endearing last statement that re-defines relevancy in a completely new way.

Organization spotlight: PRSSA

By JOSEPH KING
Flashlight Features Editor

As a new feature *The Flashlight* is inviting student organizations to share their enterprises with the entire campus. In an effort to help generate interest and increase student participation, *The Flashlight* Features department is sending out an open call to all student organizations to submit their profile, mission and objectives for the coming year for publication.

The first to present their organization is the Mansfield chapter of PRSSA. Encompassing the entire field of Public Relations, PRSSA is open to all students interested in activities like marketing, promotions and fundraising.

Every year PRSSA plans various activities that always includes promoting and raising funds for various charity organizations, such as last years successful basketball tournament that raised money for the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

Members are afforded the opportunity to gain experience in the field of PR by working internships that are available through the school, working on campus for the

PR office, as well as other groups and organizations that require PR for their events.

Members also get the chance to show that they are an MU PRSSA member by getting involved in campus activities that involve the different organizations on campus. These activities include being a Mountie Mover, Homecoming, and The Fabulous 1890's Weekend.

Members also have the opportunities to attend the National PRSSA Conference and Assembly, where students have the chance to network with PR firms, gain invaluable information during sessions, attend great socials and parties, and bond with fellow PRSSA members. This year's event is in New York City in October with keynote speaker Donald Trump.

A few quick facts about PRSSA:

- "The MU PRSSA is a University-based chapter of the National PRSSA."

- "The National PRSSA is the student-run organization that is under the National PRSA."

- "The PRSSA and PRSA work hand-in-hand in helping Public Relations students attain a better understanding of Public Relations

(PR) and also help them in search for a job after they complete their schooling."

- "The MU PRSSA was founded in 1996 in the hopes of giving Mansfield students the opportunity to develop their careers in the field of PR."

- "The MU PRSSA is involved in many campus and community activities including: The Fabulous 1890's Weekend, Homecoming, Fine Arts Series, PR for campus events, Communications Day and the Communications Wall of Fame."

- "The chapter is currently comprised of roughly twenty members and has an Executive Board of six members."

- PRSSA is open to all students that are interested in learning more about Public Relations, including those that are not-quite-sure exactly what that entails."

For further information visit the Mansfield PRSSA chapter, visit our website at: www.mustuweb.mnsfld.edu/prssa/, or contact Joseph King at kingj@mnsfld.edu.

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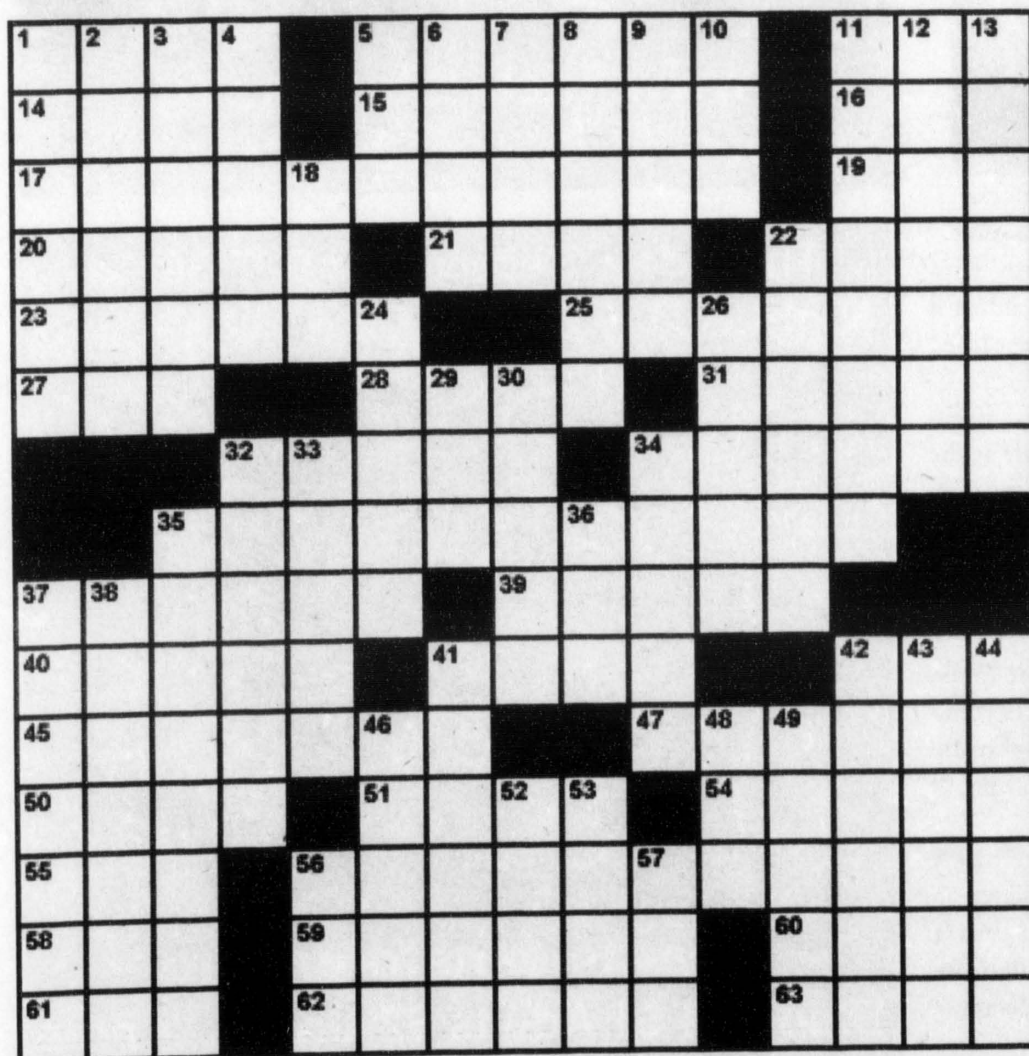
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Riddles

1. I am taken from a mine, and shut up in a wooden case, from which I am never released, and yet I am used by almost everybody.
2. What is it that you can keep after giving it to someone else?
3. The more you take, the more you leave behind. What are they?
4. It's been around for millions of years, but it's no more than a month old. What is it?
5. What is it the more you take away the larger it becomes?
6. What holds water yet is full of holes?

1. Pencil Lead 2. Your Word 3. Foot Steps 4. The Moon 5. A Hole 6. A Sponge



Across

1. Vanity cases?
5. Harmonious universe
11. Beret or biretta
14. Fella
15. Like some dips
16. Unwrought iron
17. Astonished
19. Sound from a sot
20. Baker of the blues
21. Hans, in Ireland
22. Mahogany relative
23. Snappy comeback
25. They'll open doors for you
27. Bad hair ____
28. Frankenstein's flunky
31. Battleground
32. Bar, in court
34. Official seal
35. Waterloo Bridge artist
37. Juicy fruit
39. Man of many words
40. Roll with the punches
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42. Roaring start
45. Snake oil, supposedly
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51. Animal house
54. Class of India
55. Dapper fellow
56. Scene of utter chaos
58. Tucked away
59. Bloomer of bloomers
60. Barry Humphries' "Dame"
61. Bumped into
62. Like some fingerprints
63. Groupie, usually

Down

1. The Confessor
2. It was just over a pound
3. Something peculiar
4. Take care of
5. Pigeon English?
6. Burden of proof
7. Something to build on
8. Angora fleece
9. Upright
10. Charlie Chaplin's brother
11. Logically consistent
12. She fed Theseus a line

18. Scratch the surface
22. Something to shoot for
24. ____ Andronicus
26. Sleuth star Michael
29. Mars or Mercury
30. Faust or Falstaff
32. Split to unite
33. Nick name?
34. Waterlogged
35. Player of the Peter and the Wolf cat
36. Jamaican "mister"
37. Paving material
38. Enlighten
41. Milky Way ingredient
42. Hang one's hat
43. Well-tempered
44. Whom Simple Simon encountered
46. Fleeced beast
48. The Name of the Rose author Umberto
49. The Dead Toreador painter Édouard
52. "Python" Eric
53. Free ____ (carte blanche)
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Andre 3000:

Esquire's Best Dressed Man in the World

By THERESA BENNER
Flashlight Editor-in Chief

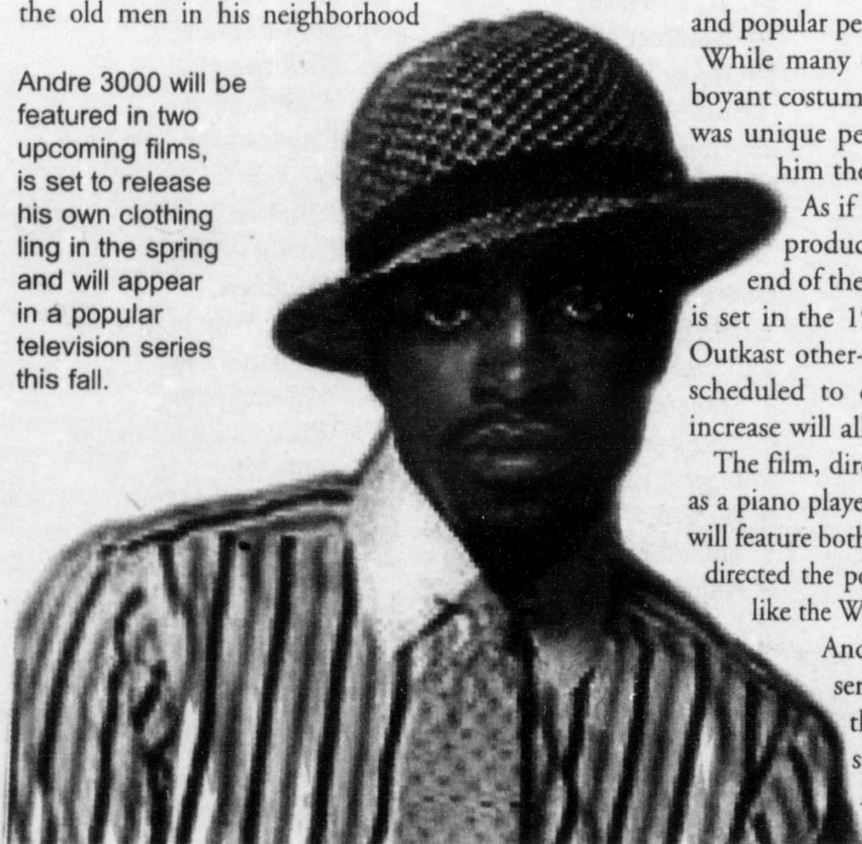
Lately, it seems as if the '80s are everywhere, although the fashion world has yet to see the revival of the stunning supermodels that dominated runways in the late '80s and early '90s. Instead, designers, magazines and advertisements are looking towards athletes, actors and especially musicians to set the standard for modern style.

And just who tops the list of fashion savvy celebs? While David Bowie graces the new Hilfiger ads with his wife Iman, and actors such as Adrien Brody, Paul Rudd and Luke Wilson have all recently posed for fashion ads, Andre 3000 of the grammy winning rap group Outkast has taken the world of fashion by storm. Despite recent hit singles "Hey Ya" and "Roses", Andre is receiving more attention for his unique sense of style than for his music.

Recently named Best Dressed Man in the World by *Esquire*, a popular men's magazine, and featured in a fashion spread with Kate Moss in *Rolling Stone Magazine*, it seems only appropriate that the 29 year-old musician would announce the establishment of his own clothing line.

The line is scheduled to be released next spring and according to several interviews with the rapper/designer/actor, will have some similarities to the style of Ralph Lauren's designs. In the most recent issue of *Esquire*, Andre cited his fashion inspirations as being the old men in his neighborhood

Andre 3000 will be featured in two upcoming films, is set to release his own clothing line in the spring and will appear in a popular television series this fall.



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and popular period movies such as "The Great Gatsby."

While many of you may associate Andre with flamboyant costumes and stage outfits, *Esquire* noted that it was unique personal style when off-stage that earned him the best-dressed award.

As if this wasn't enough, HBO is set to begin production work for Outkast the movie at the end of the summer. The movie, actually a musical, is set in the 1930s and will star Andre as well as his Outkast other-half, Big Boi. Originally, the film was scheduled to debut on HBO, but a recent budget increase will allow a theatrical release.

The film, directed by Bryan Barber, will feature Andre as a piano player at a speakeasy managed by Big Boi, and will feature both old and new music of Outkast. Barber also directed the popular Outkast videos for "Hey Ya" and "I like the Way You Move".

Andre will also guest star in the popular FX series *The Shield* and hit the big screen in the film *Be Cool*, a sequel to *Get Shorty*, starring John Travolta and Uma Thurman. *Be Cool* is currently in post-production.

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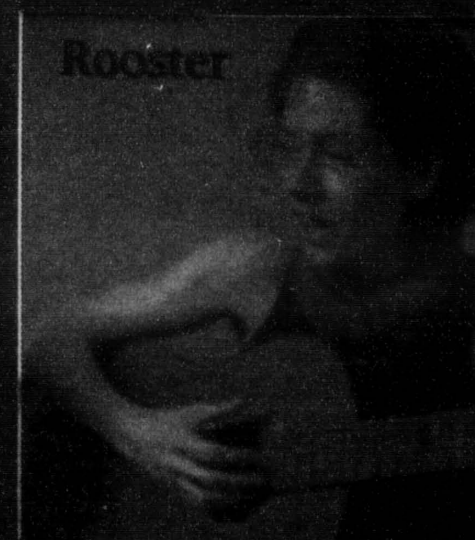
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Commentary: Peter Griffin vs. Homer Simpson

By TIMOTHY MOSSO

The Dartmouth (Dartmouth College)

Entertainment ceases to grip its audience when it ceases to inspire. Let's face it; the Olympics are pretty boring. Seriously, I've heard more about the steroid scandals, security concerns, slow ticket sales and the failure of the U.S. baseball team to qualify than I have about all of the eligible athletes combined. This year's games will mark the apparent decline of not one, but two TV institutions. When Fox prepares its primetime programming answer to this year's Olympics, it will be Peter Griffin, not Homer Simpson, who carries the torch.

Like the Olympics, "The Simpsons" is becoming a bore. Even the most diehard fans are beginning to accept that the show's over-exposure, and over-reliance on celebrity guest worship has dulled the creative edge that made the show a cultural phenomenon in the 1990s. In recent years, the celebrity appearances have become less ingenious and more like bad guest star skits on "Saturday Night Live."

Before you Simpsons fan boys deposit caps-locked, Keystone-induced, profanity laced notices of grievance in my inbox, ask yourselves, "When was the last time the Halloween episode didn't suck?" It's been a while. The writers seem determined to finish on cruise control. If you still think that "The Simpsons"

has any staying power beyond its establishment entrenchment, just remember that the same formulaic style was transplanted to "Futurama," and the patient didn't live long.

Remember when "The Simpsons" broke the shackles of Bart Simpson one-liners and became genuinely clever? That skateboard mentality nearly killed the show once, but fat Homer cliches are probably going to finish the job.

Enter "Family Guy," TV's next best hope.

Later this year, "Family Guy" will return to Fox for the first time since its 2001 cancellation, and it will compete for ratings gold against NBC's Olympic Games coverage. After setting DVD sales records in 2003, drawing top ratings on Cartoon Network's "Adult Swim" programming block and becoming a college dorm phenomenon, "Family Guy" is receiving long-deserved recognition from Fox. What's more, the show's visionary creator, Seth MacFarlane, will personally select the episodes.

I can see the fan boy mail already. "Tim, you suk, Simpsons rulz. Family Guy got cancelled! Loozer! Die!" After a recent column of mine incited a hate mail campaign from a national fat association, nothing would surprise me. If you've bothered to read this far, you are either a militant Simpsons fan or you have every episode of "Family Guy" on your hard drive.

The latter group already knows that the Griffins will return to television in the spring of 2005, and 35 new episodes are currently in the works. As for the former, I pity

you, and here's why; "Family Guy" is the future of cartoon sitcoms.

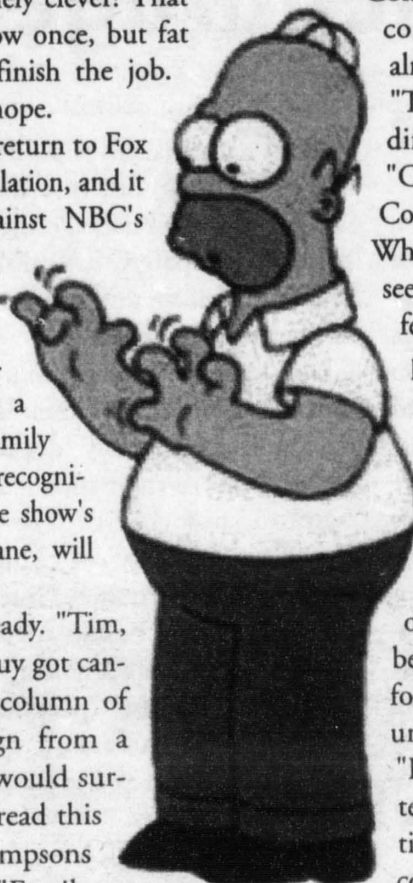
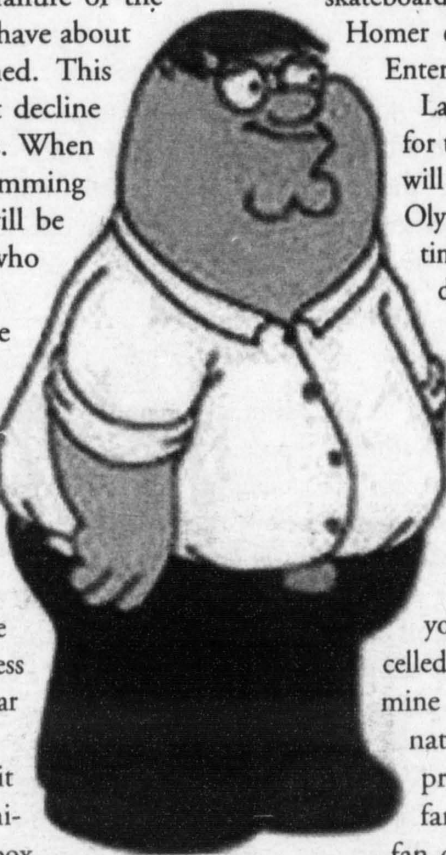
On the surface, "Family Guy" looks like a Simpsons clone, and maybe it is, but "Family Guy" has retained the inspired comedic timing that had been a Simpsons trademark.

Concept doesn't really count for much in sitcoms, because everything has been done already. The difference between the modern "The Simpsons" and "Family Guy" is the same difference in execution that distinguishes "Cheers" from recent years of "Frasier." Comedy is only funny when it is unpredictable. When Peter Griffin falls on his face, you don't see it coming. When Homer Simpson falls, you feel as if you're watching a rerun. Yeah, 350-plus episodes and cookie-cutter punch lines will do that.

"Family Guy" is less cumbersome than "The Simpsons" because it doesn't feel the weight of its own social import. Unlike its counterpart from Springfield, "Family Guy" never tries to force a moral or contrive a life lesson where one doesn't belong. Comedy shouldn't have to apologize for itself, and the Griffin family has been an unrepentant laugh factory from day one. "Family Guy's" approach to inoffensive content is to offend everybody and claim impartiality to the aggrieved parties. MacFarlane and company have differentiated themselves from

"The Simpsons" simply by unabashedly taking the low road.

This year, I'm looking forward to the Olympics, if only to witness the passing of the baton from the television's last great fat man to its next.



CD Review: *Page Avenue*, Story of the Year

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

"The night will come and rip away, her wings of innocence through every word we say. Maybe it's time to spit out the core, of our rotting union hopefully before it chokes us to our senses. I guess it's too bad that everything we have is taken away."

You may be asking yourself, "What in the world could this be?" Well, it's the first words from the not-so-uplifting album from Story Of The Year that is "Page Avenue."

This album results from a near decade of hard work from a group of life-long friends from St. Louis Mo. The five members of Story Of The Year played in St. Louis bands such as 67 North, Locash and most recently, Big Blue Monkey. They changed their

name from Big Blue Monkey to Story Of The Year in 2002 after the release. "It was either that or Foaming Dick. Sometimes I'm scared that we made the wrong choice," lead vocalist Phillip Sneed said.

With the release of "Until the Day I Die" and "Anthem of Our Dying Day," this St. Louis-based band has already been the recipient of a Gold album. What else would you expect of work from producer and Goldfinger front man John Feldman? After hearing about their Gold album, the band made reservations for an extravagant meal at their local McDonalds. Did you really expect anything else from a group of punks?

Before you listen to this album, know that Story Of The Year closely resembles Finch, The Used, Thrive.

They even show shades of Mest, another Feldman project, never as noticeably as in the song "Sidewalks." As odd as it seems to find in a punk rock band, a similar version of the famous opening guitar riff from Tool's "Schism" can be found throughout the album's title track "Page Avenue."

This record is fast-paced and carries a massive amount of energy within every track. Even the slow tunes "Swallow the Knife" and the aforementioned "Sidewalks" are jam-packed with attitude and angst.

This release may not leave you rejoicing their kind lyrics, but it will keep your feet tapping and your hand beating the steering wheel, because "Page Avenue" is sure to rock for as long as it spins.



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Opinion & Editorial

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Are today's journalists encouraged to be passive?

By THERESA BENNER

Flashlight Editor-in-chief

Here at *The Flashlight* we aren't owned by some huge media conglomerate like much of American media. We don't have any corporate sponsors and the biggest paycheck our editors will ever see is made up of the 3 credits (that we pay for) we can receive if we meet editorial and departmental criteria. Outside of our Pulitzer-worthy content and design, the only thing we seem to have in common with the national news outlets is our never-ending attempt to be an unbiased, always well-balanced representation of the news that surrounds us.

Every good journalist is taught that an impartial, nonpartisan publication or production is the golden key to journalistic success. But have we taken this thought too far? Anymore, there seems to be a fine line between being unbiased and being downright passive.

Granted, American media seems to be biased enough to fuel an infinite number of political/media analysts, talk show hosts and comedians. I'm sure Lewis Black could have an aneurism-induced comedy tour over this particular subject alone. It's just that lately I've started to wonder if the decline of good investigative journalism is a result of the constant scrutiny the media is under regarding whether or not it is being biased.

Ideally, journalism should serve as a government watchdog, but it seems that the minute any exposé is published criticizing a politician, party or campaign, the publication is pegged as being partisan and the journalist accused of having ulterior motives.

Don't get me wrong, I'm not suggesting that journalists never have their own hidden agendas, and I probably question the media's integrity more than most. It is my personal opinion, not that of *The Flashlight's*, that the vast majority of American media is biased to some degree, but it wasn't until recently that I began to wonder if this is always such a bad thing. At least somebody is asking questions that force important figures and organizations to explain, and in some cases merely admit to, their actions.

Don't worry. I have no intentions of turning *The Flashlight* into some excessively partisan publication, out to attack our opposition. Nothing could be further from my mind. If you recall, I was the features editor for nearly two years. I'm usually just as concerned with pop culture as I am with politics, anyway. Curse that Paris Hilton floozy.

I guess it is just that lately I've started to wonder where the muckrakers and historical journalists of the past would be today; the individuals who spent their lives exposing crooked

business and dirty politics with the hopes of improving our country. Hopefully they wouldn't be on the cover of *The National Enquirer* next to the lizard baby, or even worse, in the unemployment line.

In addition to my editorial, I would like to take this opportunity to point out a few new features offered by *The Flashlight* this semester. First, as you'll notice below, each editorial will be accompanied by a question that we are encouraging ALL of our readers (students, staff and community members alike) to respond to. For now, we ask that we send your thoughts to flashopinions@yahoo.com. In the future we will have a series of message boards established specifically for editorials, as well as other aspects of *The Flashlight*. Each week *The Flashlight* will publish a few responses from the previous week's editorial. Please be courteous, refrain from inappropriate language and/or remarks and leave your name and contact information. Contact information will not be published.

Secondly, in an attempt to cover a wider span of campus events we are inviting anyone with story ideas or information regarding a potential story to email us at flashlit@mnsfld.edu, using the subject line of "Story Ideas".

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Is it better for the media to be unbiased and passive or to be biased and politically aggressive?

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Political Commentary

Kerry's military records: 527 varieties

By ZACH DuBORD

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Ank ya Hark! The latest red herring of American politics has arrived: If you've been keeping up with the election lately, you will most likely be aware of the impasse between the Kerry and Bush campaigns regarding so-called "527 Organizations." For those of you not up on your political lingo, a "527 Organization" is a political organization that, under a federal provision, is allowed to be exempt from taxes and able to accept an unlimited amount of donations. So what's all the fuss about?

Earlier this month, campaign ads surfaced featuring "Swift Boat Veterans For Truth" that essentially accuse Senator Kerry of lying to receive one of his three purple hearts, using his purple hearts in order to be reassigned, and making false claims as to the misdeeds of US troops while serving in Vietnam.

In response, the Kerry campaign and other prominent democrats such as Max Cleland have argued that the accusations by "Swift

Boat Veterans For Truth" are slanderous and have publicly called for the Bush camp to condemn the ad campaign. Although the Bush campaign continues to deny any involvement with ads, they have yet to condemn Swift Boat Veterans for Truth and instead called for the cessation of all 527 Organization activities while also pointing the finger back at Kerry calling for an end to organizations such as MoveOn.org.

In the midst of all this I find myself being fairly perturbed by two dominating thoughts.

The first thought that stands out in my average, middle-class, suburban American mind is that the McCain-Feingold Campaign Finance Reforms that were put into place in 2002 are crippled and useless so long as the 527 Provision still exists. The purpose of the McCain-Feingold laws was to ban unlimited campaign contributions to political parties, otherwise known as "soft money," and at the same time raise the limits as to how much individuals and committees can give. Further, the McCain-Feingold laws gave

higher contribution limits to politicians facing wealthy opponents capable of funding their own campaign. The idea of this being that it would level the playing field in terms of campaign finance so that one candidate is no longer outgunned financially by his opponent. Fairness in politics is a good thing.

Yet, 527 Organizations create a loophole that essentially cripples these reforms by allowing a political organization to receive unlimited funding with which they can run their own independent campaign ads supporting or opposing whomever they choose, such as the Swift Boat Veterans for Truth ads. This loophole basically re-introduces the element of financial outmaneuvering into the political system, which in my personal view, is undesirable and unfair.

Secondly, while I do not deny that some of the attacks on Kerry's military record are dishonorable, I also believe that they are indicative of a feeling that may be familiar to many Americans.

I do not care that Senator Kerry served in Vietnam or that he was awarded three pur-

ple hearts, similarly, I do not care that President Bush served in the Air National Guard. In fact, whenever I hear a politician discuss his military records I think, "So What?" Not to discredit military service, I truly appreciate and respect what men and women in the military have done and are doing, but many, many people served in Vietnam, and many, many people have served in Air National Guard. Honorable service is without a doubt admirable, but it does not necessarily qualify one for national office, nor does it necessarily qualify somebody to work at Jim-Bob's Body Shop.

Not that I support President Bush, but I'd rather hear discussion about the issues, not who should condemn what organization, this is just a distraction from what is truly important. I'd rather know why Senator Kerry supported the USA Patriot Act, and what his plans are for Iraq should he be elected. Since Senator Kerry made sure that I know his military record is so stellar, I have every bit of faith that he'd be able to whip up something.

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Movies and politics: Activism abundant in summer films

By JOE HORTON

Daily Trojan

(U. Southern California)

Those who need to be told that Michael Moore's passion-fueled docu-attack "Fahrenheit 9/11" carries within its cinematic vision an invasive political commentary are best advised not to confuse themselves by trying to vote in November. Yet during this summer at the movies, a season which traditionally delivers frivolous big-budget blockbusters, it is the mindful, not mindless, extra-cinematic message that abounds. From such disparate offerings as "The Day After Tomorrow" to "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy," summer popcorn fare is now the ripe canvas for social statement.

Roland Emmerich, director of "Independence Day" and "Godzilla," was rarely considered a champion of cultural criticism, save for depicting Jeff Goldblum's penchant for recycling in "Independence Day" and Godzilla's birth from nuclear test-

ing (which is, apparently, bad). In "The Day After Tomorrow," Emmerich painted in gargantuan, unwieldy strokes as only he can, the impending apocalyptic ice-age that envelopes the earth due to our own shortsighted ignorance towards global warming and continual dependence on fossil fuels. Our hero, Jack Hall (Dennis Quaid), is an eco-scientist who drives an electric hybrid car, while his nemesis, the vice president of the United States, haughtily dismisses Hall's warnings of danger while bearing more than a passing resemblance to Vice President Cheney.

The eventual salvation of humanity occurs through the hospitality of the third-world nations of the southern hemisphere, which, the film opines, have been ignored by the egotistical and imperialist nations of the north. One half-expects the survivors to join hands and spirits in a rousing finale chorus of "Kum Ba Yah."

Steven Spielberg, meanwhile, is no stranger to imbedding messages

in popular entertainment, from the rabid anti-Nazism of the Indiana Jones trilogy to corporate greed in "Jurassic Park." At first glance, however, the lighthearted "The Terminal" hardly seemed like the palette for a determined message: All-American good-guy Tom Hanks playing an English-challenged foreign visitor? After glorifying the heroism of American soldiers in World War II in "Saving Private Ryan," the timing seemed more than coincidence for Hanks and Spielberg to re-team to again comment on American values, now critiquing our newfound xenophobia in, of all places, our security-conscious airports.

Further, it seems almost antithetical to its very nature that a comedy like "Anchorman: The Legend of Ron Burgundy" and its farcical star Will Ferrell would offer up their own political two cents in a film constructed to get as many laughs as possible, not divide its audience based on partisan beliefs.

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Yet as with the rest of the decidedly un-subtle film, the voice-over admission that weatherman Brick Tamland's (Steve Carrell) IQ of 48 suited him perfectly for his post-newscast career as a "top advisor to the Bush Administration," leaves little to the imagination as to the political bent of the filmmakers.

Of course, "Fahrenheit 9/11" led the pack of these cinematic rabble-rousers. Michael Moore's disdain, even hatred, for President Bush is well-documented and certainly on display here, but unlike the other message-conscious films of the summer, "Fahrenheit 9/11" existed exclusively as unmitigated state-

ment. Political change was at the heart of Moore's documentary, which watches more like an unapologetic evidence-gathering crusade than an engaging cinematic experience.

Accordingly, Michael Eisner of Disney, citing the "non-partisan" nature of the studio, refused to release the film, even after it won the prestigious Palm d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival. When Bob and Harvey Weinstein and IFC Films agreed to distribute the film, the issues and content themselves, rather than the stars and publicity photos, toured the national media.

Propelled by heated debate, "Fahrenheit 9/11" rode an

unprecedented wave of popularity and curiosity, quite literally forcing itself onto 2,000-plus screens around the nation and over \$100 million dollars at the domestic box office.

But it remains to be seen if this influx of activism and civic interest is purely a product of timing, in the summer before a Presidential election, or indicative of a larger trend. In an increasingly divided nation, it will be difficult for films to sustain such polarizing messages, as the summer offerings of major studio releases must traditionally acquiesce to the power of the consumer dollar.

Unsurprising, then, that the two

biggest moneymaking films of the summer, "Shrek 2" and "Spider-Man 2," both eagerly anticipated sequels in the conventional vein of crowd-pleasing universality, carry no fracturing ideologies or agendas. The success of "Fahrenheit 9/11," therefore, must at present be seen as an exception to the norm.

To be sure, Hollywood's residents have always leaned to the left of the political and social spectrum, and their products often reflect their beliefs (positively shocking, then, that in "The Contender" (2000) evil Congressman Shelly Runyon is a Republican or that in "The American President" (1995) honest and capable President Andrew

Shepard is a Democrat). But rarely in recent memory has there been such breadth and relative pervasiveness of socio-political statement in mainstream cinema.

From comedy to action-adventure to documentary, the mode of promoting such messages seems as mutable and dynamic as the genres in which they appear.

In such circumstances, the ultimate role of art must again be questioned: is art a personal expression, a medium of entertainment, or a cultural product with the responsibility to critique the society from which it was created? In such polarized and antagonistic times, we had best hope that there is room for it all.

REALITY-

With a young, attractive cast, the theme this year is "DNA: DO NOT ASSUME! With secret half siblings revealed on-air, this year also features two twins separated from their siblings for the first time as well as a complete set of identical twins that had to fool the rest of the cast for the initial five weeks before they were allowed to play as two.

Last season, the aforementioned Allison, a Pennsylvania native, was well into the second half of the season before the others discovered her game and the fireworks erupted; this season the "Four Horseman" created controversy from the very first episode.

The "Horsemen" were an alliance of mostly pretty-boys that began from the first 5 minutes in the house and completely dominated the house from day one. With bully tactics and mind games, this group played the house in inscrutable ways until...

The token Gay guy aligned with the women in the house and cleaned most of them out. But now, in the first elimination that involves the actual voting members of the remaining "house guests," one of the "Girl Power" alliance both nominated, and indeed issuing the deciding vote, cast out the vengeful Gay guy... Because "God" directed her to...

Alas vengeance is swift, and the cast rebel put up both "evil twins" for eviction, and indeed, this week sent one of the twins packing. This in turn raises the question, will the remaining twin stay a marked woman, she is the evil evictor after all; or will a new drama distract the cast from its stated agenda? Tune in and discover my guilty summer pleasures... Or, for a nominal fee, you take it that one step further and subscribe to the 24hour coverage that is the internet...

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Mansfield athletes excel at 2004 Keystone State Games grabbing two silver medals and many top-place finishes

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Sports Editor

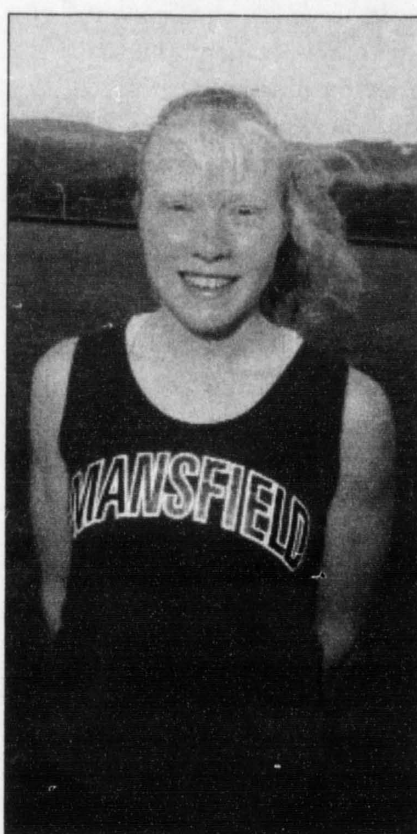
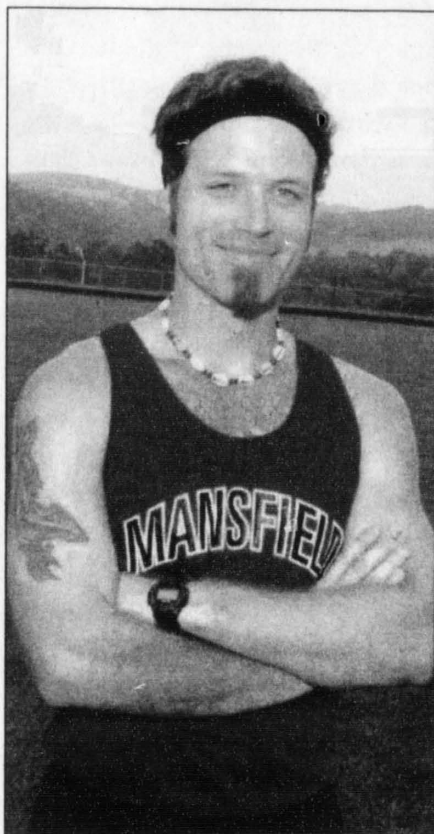
Mansfield University was well-represented at the 2004 Keystone State Games held on Aug. 9 in Wilkes-Barre Pa. Adam Keir and Charity Learn led the Mountaineers throughout the many events.

Keir captured the silver medal at the Keystone State Games in what was his first decathlon competition. He finished second overall with a total of 5,109 points. He could not catch up to Clarion University cross country standout Don Patten who finished with nearly 1,000 points ahead of him with 6,100.

Mansfield University freshman, Derek Weis had a solid showing while taking home a silver medal. Weis finished second with a time of 205.69 in the 17-18 year-old age group.

The cross country standings were top heavy in favor of the Mountaineers. Mansfield had three of the top four finishers in the event. Learn finished first overall for the women with a personal best time of 17:55. Rachel Hall finished roughly one minute behind Learn and placed fourth with a time of 18:57.

Ben Israel was the top male Mountie. He finished fourth overall with a time of 17:14.



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Adam Keir (left) and Charity Learn (right) finished second and fourth respectively, at the Keystone State Games in early August. They will be representing the Mansfield Mountaineers Cross Country team this season. Incoming freshman Derek Weis also brought home a silver medal at the Games in Wilkes-Barre Pa.

In the men's 5K race, hometown athlete Richard Correll set a personal best time of 16:58 while crossing the finish line first. Correll also took second place in the men's 1,500 with a time of 4:28.2.

Mike Yannick finished the 110 hurdles with a time of 16:74 in the 19-21 age group.

The woman would not be overshadowed by the men as they blew away the competition in the 1,500 event. The Mountaineers had the top three finishers in the women's 19-21 age group. Learn (4:58.1), Hall (5:08.5) and Robyn Ireland (5:38.3) all finished ahead of the pack.

Mansfield athletes succeed on the field and in class

Fifty-two members of Mansfield University athletic teams have earned Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) Scholar-Athlete honors for the 2003-2004 school year.

To qualify for the title of Scholar-Athlete a student must be full-time (12 credit hours or more), be involved in an athletic program on campus and maintain at least a 3.25 Cumulative Grade Point Average. Twenty-two percent of Mansfield's 238 student athletes made the criteria.

Mountaineer baseball finishes season below expectations while landing seven players on All-PSAC teams

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Sports Editor

After capturing the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East Championship, Mansfield took their 31-17 record and seven-game winning streak into the Conference playoffs only to have their playoff hopes come to a quick end.

The Mounties fell to California University (Pa.) by a score of 12-5 in the opening round of the PSAC playoffs.

Despite a three run double in the third inning by third basemen Matt Mills and five innings of one-run baseball thrown by Mansfield Ace Jeff Papi, the Vulcans bats proved to be too strong for the Mounties. California scored six runs in the sixth inning to take a 7-4 lead and they never looked back.

With their backs against the wall in this double-elimination tournament, the Mountaineers matched up against Kutztown, who was also one game away from elimination.

After falling to an early seven-run deficit, Mansfield looked to the top of the order to start a rally. Captain and senior, Josh Rearick hit a single to start a six-run fourth inning capitalized by an Eric Baker double and three Golden

Bear errors. The score was 7-6.

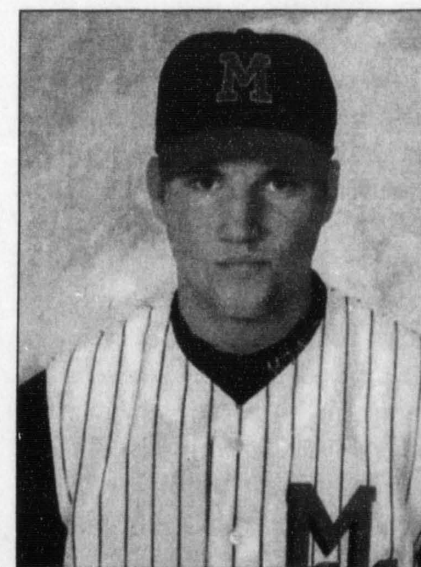
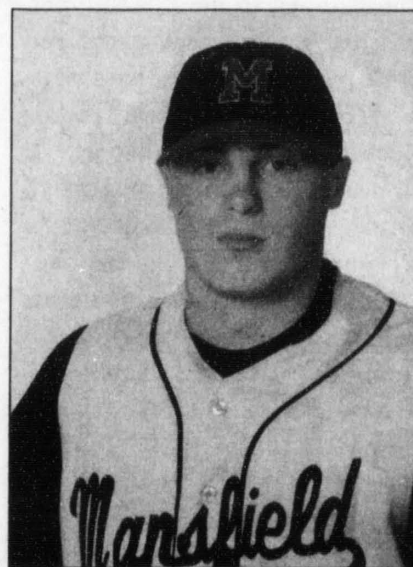
The Mountaineers could not keep their momentum as they were ousted from the playoffs by Kutztown with a final score of 12-8.

Seven players from Coach Hillson's squad were selected to honorary teams. The honors include the PSAC Eastern Division first and second teams and the NCAA Division II American Baseball Coaches Association/Rawlings North Atlantic Region first and second teams.

Along with PSAC East first team honors, Marty Rakaczewski was the only Mountaineer selected to the Rawlings first team. Although they joined Rakaczewski on the PSAC first team, Baker, Mills and Papi were all named to the Rawlings second team.

Rearick was the final of five Mansfield players to be named to the PSAC first team.

Catcher, D.J. Hoshauer led the Mountaineers with 12 homeruns and was second on the team with 45 RBIs, his name was left off the first team roster. He would join right fielder Brandon Brokaw and his .296 avg. and 11 doubles on the PSAC East second team.



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The Mountie baseball team was lead by a combination of solid pitching and explosive hitting. Second baseman Eric Baker (left) and closing pitcher Marty Rakaczewski, respectively lead their peers to success.

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The days, months and years change, but the highlights will live on pt. 1

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

Welcome back to Mansfield University. I am sure that you are all glad to be back at school and especially happy to read this edition of *The Flashlight*, especially my editorial. Keep this in mind. If you do not like what you are reading, you become this newspapers' Sports Editor and go nuts.

I hope everyone's summer break went well. I wouldn't say that my summer was anything to really brag about. Mine was one filled with endless hours of sitcom television including the likes of "Seinfeld," "Drew Carey," "Boy Meets World" and perhaps my favorite series, "Saved By The Bell." As if I couldn't before, I can now recite a full summary of every SBTB episode. Is that not sad enough? Well, keep reading.

Don't get me wrong, I didn't watch television all summer. Oh no, I went outside once in a while and did some actual exercise. My two best friends, Jeff and "Fat" Mike and I tried our best to play baseball every chance that we got. In between work and two simultaneous sprained ankles while playing basketball and two separate hand injuries, both of which were primarily caused due to stupidity, we played for the majority of the summer. We worked on hitting, fielding both grounders and fly balls for hours at a time. Thanks to many hours of practice, I am still good enough to be cut from your Mansfield University Mountaineers.

After running around all evening, is there any better way to relax than sitting in your favorite chair, reclined back, having a "soda" with your best friend and playing "NBA Jam: Tournament Edition" for Super Nintendo (to this day, the best game system on Earth) for a couple hours? Anyone? No? I didn't think so.

After discovering I could not pursue a professional career in "NBA Jam," although I do not know a tandem other than Jeff and me who can score over 300 points while holding the opposition under 20 in a 12-minute game, I started focusing on eating. "Wing Night" was the one night during the week where all the friends I have maintained strong relationships with since the beginning of my collegiate career would go out to "The Dugout," stuff our faces and reminisce about how dumb we were, and still are.

My goal before the summer started was to drop some pounds and tip the scale at an even 200. Well, "Wing Night" taught me something very valuable. The worst way to lose weight is to prove to a table full of people that you can consume a dozen wings, a couple slices of pizza and a Manser Dining Hall-type tray of supreme nachos entitled "Macho Nachos" all while washing every bite down with a cold "soda." Common sense told me to avoid it every week, but when the stomach wants to see nachos, it sees nachos.

I also had a couple of real special things happen to me this summer, but I just realized that at the end of this paragraph, I will have written 576 words and have totally neglected any organized sport. It has been a long four months of sports. I know that I will not do everyone's opinion justice, but here are my top-ten highlights (good, bad and surprising) of this summer in athletics. I apologize in advance because this list will be a heavy on the baseball. But the sport features "The Boys of Summer" for a reason, right?

10. At number 10, the most recent occurrence to grace this list is the ultimate goal in which most every player in the National

Hockey League strives to receive; Lord Stanley's Cup. After a grueling 82-game regular season and a hard-fought post-season, the Tampa Bay Lightning ended their search for the Stanley Cup only to have it turn up missing in a fraction of the time. While the Cup was being delivered to Jake Goertzen, the head scout for the champs; it never arrived in baggage claim in Fort St. John in Canada. It stayed in Vancouver to do a little sight-seeing. Dave Andreychuk, the Captain of the Lightning waited 22 years to hoist that 35-pound trophy. If I'm not mistaken, he shed a tear or three while skating around the ice. After hearing about its separation from the keeper of the Cup Walter Neubrand, he probably emptied a box of tissues before it was recovered at the Air Canada airport.

9. Coming in at the nine-spot is the battle of quarterbacks in Giant camp. I do not claim to know a tremendous amount about football. I know the positions, some players, all 32 teams and thanks to my brother-in-law, the N.Y. Jets end zone chant. I understand that a good back-up quarterback is hard to find. I just do not understand why the Giants are wasting their time trying to resurrect the career of the ex-bag boy, and soon to be future bag-boy Kurt Warner. His days with the Rams are long gone, at least the 109 QB rating, MVP days. He may still be clenching onto his resumé from his last two years. Seven starts in two seasons is not that bad. Neither is the 1:3 touchdowns to interception ratio he displays. There are a lot of people who cannot even do that well, like me. There are a few reasons you do not see me playing like him in the National Football League. Besides the fact that I couldn't throw a consistent spiral if my life depended on it, I was smart enough to know when to stop playing because of my ineffectiveness; the sixth grade. His day should have come sometime during the 2002 season. With the first-round "can't miss" draft pick like Eli Manning, who is supposed to be better than his brother, Peyton, I think it was a waste of money for the Giants to pick up Warner.

8. Number eight on this list is the U.S. Olympic basketball team. These players are a flat-out disappointment. This team has got to start playing together. In 2000, they were a joke. They are not much better today. I understand that these are not the best players in the world, let alone their country. It is not Allen Iverson's or Tim Duncan's fault that Kevin Garnett is not playing in these games, but to get humiliated, or close to that point in nearly every game in which they play, well, that is just inexcusable. Once our Olympic team realizes that they can never and will never be the "Dream Team" of the 1992 season, we will not win another gold medal. Until that day comes, I guess the only thing we as a country can do, is hope that their opponents forget to show up to the arena.

7. While we are on the subject of basketball, one of my favorite and least favorite moments happened around the same time and they come in a number seven. The Minnesota Timberwolves have been the team I root for every year since the trio of Tom Gugliotta, Stephan Marbury and Kevin Garnett started playing together in the mid-90s. Every year I watch as they squeak into the playoffs and out of them just as easily. They were a seven-time playoff team, all in a row. They were also a seven-time first-round loser. This year was different. They shocked many people as they easily took the first seed of the Western Conference playoffs. That was the good part. As a long-time N.Y. Mets fan, I never expect my team to win a championship. It just does not happen for me. And to this day, I still look back to 1986 to see my favorite team, in any sport, win a title. The Wolves were eliminated by who else, but the Los Angeles Lakers in six games. Nothing made me angrier than watching three after three sink from the hands of none other than Kareem Rush. I know, you're thinking "Who?" That's what I thought too. I learned to recognize and hate number 21 in purple and gold just as much as I hated number 34, if not more.

6. Number six made me furious. Number six made me yell at my

television. Number six made me hate baseball for a few minutes. Number six made me ask "Why?" Why did the owners of Major League Baseball vote unanimously to extend Commissioner Allen "Bud" Selig's contract through the 2009 season? I do not understand the logic. Baseball revenue is up from \$1.4 billion to \$4.1 billion since 1998. I am sure that Selig is the main reason for that. Not Sammy Sosa, Barry Bonds or Alex Rodriguez, but Selig brought the fans to the parks. I won't take all of the credit away from Selig. He did have a large impact with a lot of the fan base that those three players currently carry. Do you really think that Sosa and Bonds would be hitting all of these homeruns in years past without a mandatory drug test? Probably not. Would 100 million N.Y. Yankee fans be kissing A-Rod's feet if not for letting that off-season trade between the Yankees and the Texas Rangers go through? I highly doubt it. On behalf of baseball fans everywhere, I would like to thank Selig and the owners, especially Fred Wilpon of the Mets, who nominated Selig's for an extension (go figure) for thinking with your wallets. It just goes to show you that the business of baseball is just that; a business. Some fans hate great players because they have the tendency to take the wind out of that fan as they completely destroy their favorite team, for example, Reggie Miller and the N.Y. Knicks. Other fans hate players like John Franco of the Mets because day in and day out, he will make a grown-man cry. For he is the keeper of the perpetual three-run homerun ball to lose the game. Then there are strange people who just hate a guy like Kip Wells of the Pittsburgh Pirates for having a "stupid face." I am the life-long baseball fan who cannot stand Bud Selig. From this day forward, I am looking ahead to 2009. Perhaps by then, I can be happy about hearing his name on his way out of office. I will be the first one to clap for our new commissioner in 2009, Bob Costas.

Catch the second half of my top 10 highlights in the next edition of *The Flashlight* on Sept. 8.

Until next time sports fans, "Skippy hop hop."

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Mansfield University football coaching staff sees renovations heading into the regular season

Running backs will get a professional taste with new coach, Kevin O'Neal

Kevin O'Neal has joined the Mansfield University football staff as a full-time assistant coach, head coach Jim Shiffer announced.

O'Neal will serve as the running backs coach.

O'Neal comes to Mansfield from the National Football League Europe where he was the running backs and special teams coach for the Rhein Fire this season.

Prior to coaching with the Fire, O'Neal was the defensive backs and special teams coach for Midwestern State University for one season after three years of coaching the Scottish Claymores of NFL Europe as passing game coordinator, wide receivers and special teams coach.

O'Neal played three seasons from 1987 through 1989 for the University of the Pacific's football team where he earned his BS in Communications where he emphasized in Public Relations.

After graduating from Utah State University and earning his MS in 1993, O'Neal was an academic counselor for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas for a

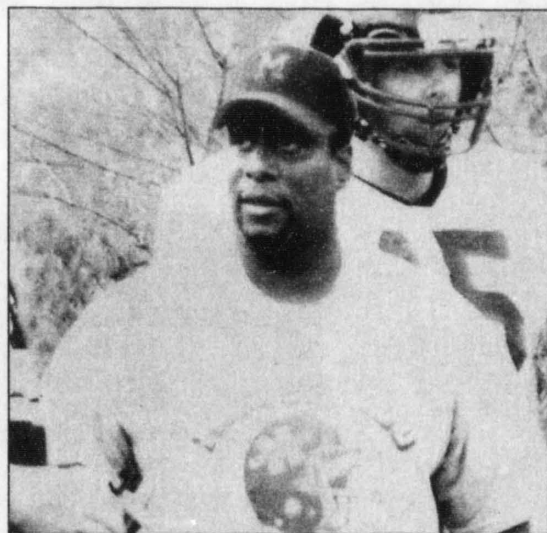


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Running backs coach Kevin O'Neal has coached all over the world.

season before joining the Texas Christian University as a graduate assistant.

Following a short stint with TCU, O'Neal became the coach of Bryan Adams High School and later went to coach First Baptist Academy in 1998.

In 2000, O'Neal was part of the National Football League Minority Internship program with the Dallas Cowboys.

Former *Playboy* All-American collegiate quarterback joins fellow newcomers O'Neal, Likins on staff

Former NFL quarterback Scott Milanovich has joined the Mansfield University football staff as an assistant coach. The announcement was made by Mountaineer head football coach Jim Shiffer.

"We really pleased to add someone with Scott's experience as both a player and coach to our program," Shiffer said. "Scott will be a great benefit to our talented but inexperienced quarterback corps as well as to our entire offense."

Milanovich, who played for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers for four seasons after a stellar, record breaking career at the University of Maryland, mostly recently served as the quarterbacks coach for the Rhein Fire of NFL Europe.

Milanovich set 14 school records at quarterback and punter for the University

of Maryland from 1991-95. He was named to First Team All-ACC honors in 1993 and was a *Playboy* All-American in 1995.

Milanovich was a back-up quarterback for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers from 1996-98 and again in 2000. He was with the Cleveland Browns in 1999 and played for the Berlin Thunder of NFL Europe in 2000 and the Los Angeles Xtreme of the XFL in 2001. He most recently played for the Detroit Fury of the AFL.

In addition to serving as quarterbacks coach for the Rhein Fire, Milanovich also was the quarterbacks coach and play caller for the Calgary Stampeders of the CFL for the second half of the 2003 season.

Mansfield will open the 2004 campaign this Saturday when they travel to California University of Pennsylvania for a 1 p.m. kickoff.

Shiffer adds a new linebacker coach, Dave Likins to his coaching staff

Mansfield University football head coach, Jim Shiffer, announced Dave Likins has joined the staff as an assistant coach.

Likins will serve as the linebackers coach for the Mountaineers.

Likins comes to Mansfield from the Hamburg Blue Devils of the German Football League where he served as defensive coordinator for the past three years. Under his tenure as defensive coordinator, the Blue Devils put together three straight national championships.

Prior to coaching the Blue Devils, Likins was an assistant coach for the Braunschweig Lions who were national champions in 1998 and 1999.

After graduating from Centre College of Kentucky in 1980, Likins served as inside linebackers coach for Georgetown College before landing the position of outside linebacker coach at the University of Kentucky. While at Kentucky, he made consecutive trips to the Hall Of Fame Bowl in 1983 and were the champions of the 1984 Bowl.

After 10 years at Kentucky, Likins had

a short coaching stint with the University of North Carolina, serving as a volunteer assistant from 1991-1992. In 1991, North Carolina won the Peach Bowl.

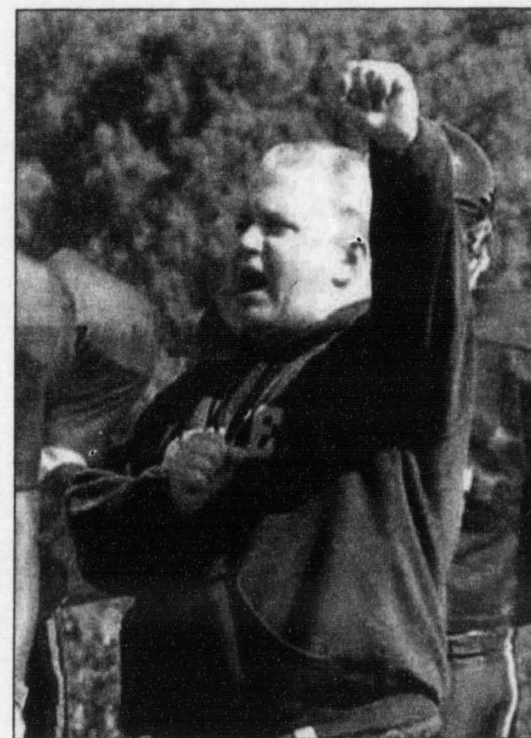


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Linebackers coach, Dave Likins recently spent time in the German Football League.

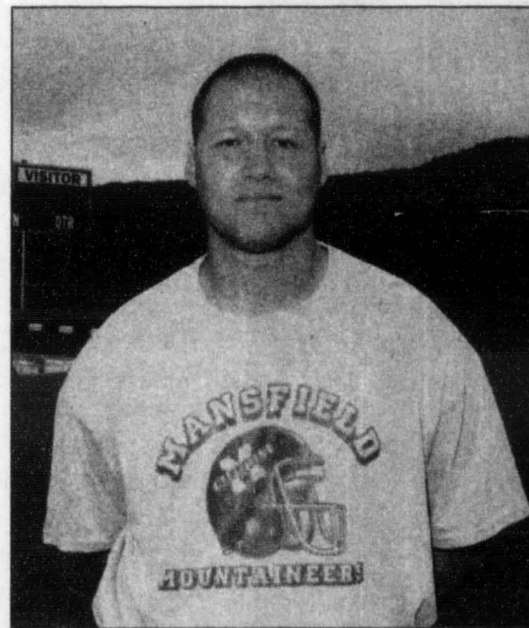
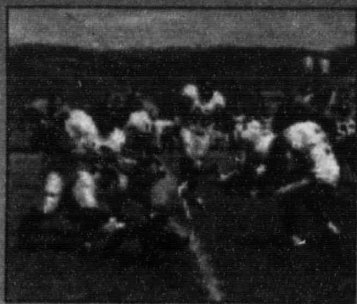


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Quarterbacks coach Scott Milanovich spent time playing in the NFL, NFL Europe, XFL and AFL. He also coached in the CFL.

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Mountaineer football is back Mansfield tackles California University today

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield University football season will start at 1 p.m. today at Adamson Stadium when the Mountaineers will battle the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) rival, the Vulcan's of California University (Pa.).

The Mountaineers are coming off one of their most successful seasons in school history last year. They finished the season with an 8-3 record. One of their eight victories came at the misfortune of California as Mansfield beat them 14-7 at Karl Van Norman Field in Mansfield.

California did not have a particularly strong season on paper last year falling three games under .500 with a 4-7 record. Although the Vulcan's lost seven games, four of

which by a touchdown or less, they led the PSAC in pass defense.

In 10 meetings since 1982, California has dominated Mansfield, winning seven and splitting one victory with the Mounties. The Mansfield victory in 2003 was their first in seven previous meetings with the Vulcan's.

Although returning 17 starters, the Mountaineers will be featuring a new look, mainly from the Coaching staff.

The Mounties have a new Head Coach this season. They are welcoming back Coach Jim Shiffer to the red and black attack this year. Shiffer is the first Mansfield-alumnus to head the football squad in 74 years. He spent time coaching at other universities such as fellow PSAC schools, Kutztown, Millersville. Shiffer also coached at

the University of Pittsburgh and Yale University before returning to his alma-mater.

The Mounties will also feature a new running backs coach Kevin O'Neal, a linebackers coach Dave Likins and a quarterback coach Scott Milanovich.

Good coaches are indeed a luxury that Mansfield will be thankful to have. However, an essential ingredient to a successful season is a group of talented players. The Mountaineers have two returning All-Americans Earnest "Poohbear" McNeal and Joe Bennett on their roster.

McNeal and Bennett also took the honor of being named to the 2004 Don Hansen's Football Gazette NCAA Division II preseason All-American team along with nose guard Brian DeCecco. DeCecco was a first team All-PSAC East selection last season. He led the defensive line with 51 tackles. The senior was second on the team in sacks with three.

Bennett, a senior wide receiver had his break-out year in 2003. He led the PSAC in reception yardage and receiving touchdowns with 1,184 and 17 respectively ranking among the national leaders in each category. Number 86 will try to add to his career totals in catches (129), yards (2,386) and touchdowns (24).

McNeal was the spark that lit the Mountaineers last season. The sophomore had a season in which many people cannot even dream about having. The running back led the PSAC in rushing with 1,614 yards and matched his teammate Bennett, with 17 touchdowns of his own. McNeal led the nation in all-purpose yards with 2,392. He transferred to Mansfield last season from

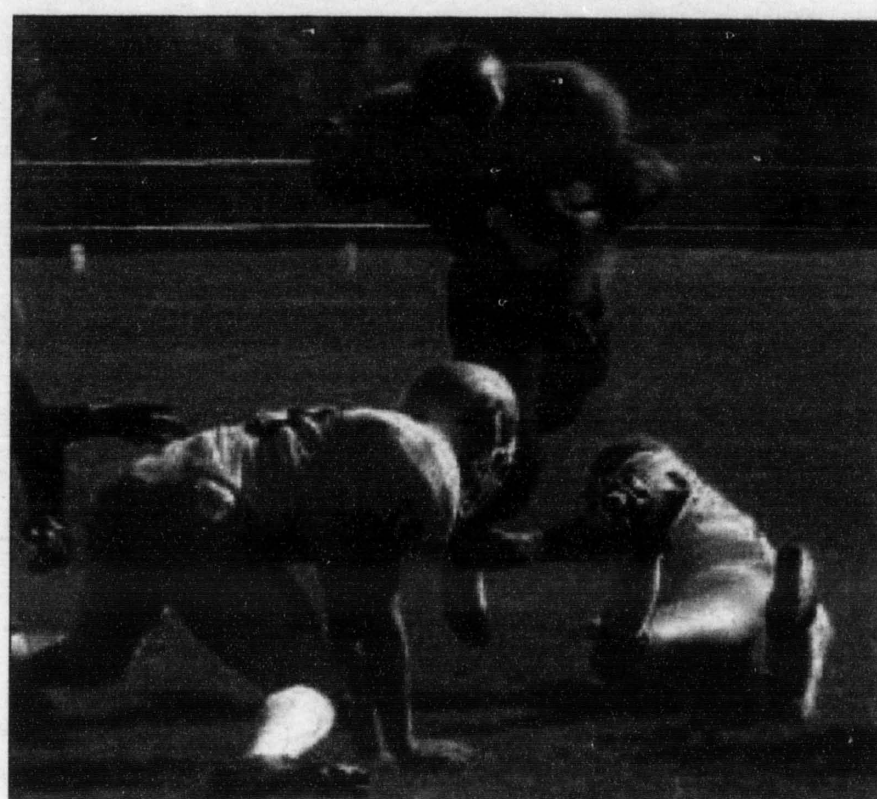


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Earnest "Poohbear" McNeal will try to split the defense all over the PSACs this season as the Mansfield Mountaineers will attempt to surpass last years win total of eight.

Division I school Bowling Green University. The Mounties were grateful that he did. McNeal, Travis Motley, now of the Arkansas Twister of the Arena Football League 2 and Dan Holland were most responsible for one of the best seasons in Mansfield history.

As if leading the nation in yards was not enough, McNeal felt it fitting to make sure his name was engraved on a few awards including the NCAA Division II Northeast Regional, PSAC East and ECAC Rookie of the Year. He was also named a Second Team AP Little All-American, a First Team Daktronics and Football Gazette All-American and a Second Team D2football.com All-American.

Look for McNeal to try and best his last outing against California where he rushed for 201 yards, one of his four 200-

plus yard games.

This season will mark the first time the Mansfield offense will not feature number 11, four-year starter and All-Time leading passer, Motley. His replacement is yet to be determined. However, there is plenty of competition for the spot. Returning sophomores Matthew Hillenbrand and David Fetzer, who served as back-ups last season will try for the starting role this season. They will be joined in battle with University of Delaware transfer Terrence Kelly.

Regardless of who becomes the full-time quarterback, the Mountaineer offense has the potential to be explosive.

Every Mountaineer football game can be heard live on the Mansfield campus radio station WNTF-FM on 89.5 and on the internet on NSN Sports Network at www.sports.mansfield.edu.

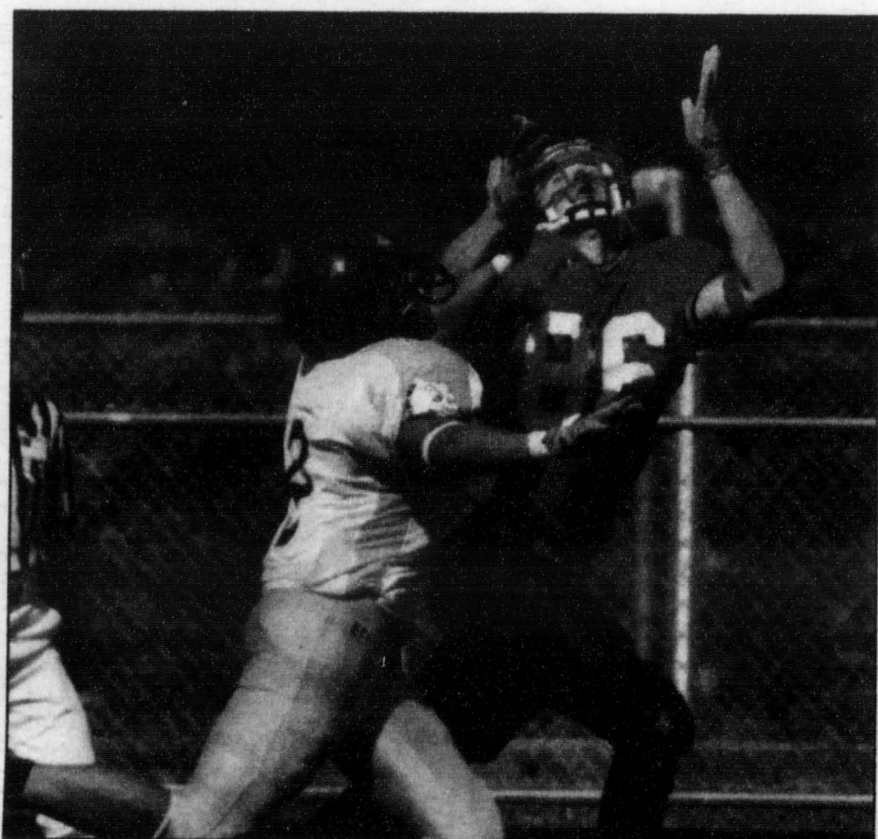


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Mountaineer wide receiver, Joe Bennet, stands at 6'4". He used his height and speed to earn 1,184 yards and 17 touchdowns last season.

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Phi Mu Delta holds charity concert for victims of 9/11

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Writer

The brothers of Phi Mu Delta will hold a rock concert this Saturday in the South Hall Mall to honor those lost in the 9/11 attacks. The concert is free to all members of the Mansfield University Community and will begin at approximately 4 p.m.

Although admission to the concert is free, members of Phi Mu Delta will be asking audience members for donations of any size to benefit the 9/11 fund. The fund is designed to raise money for the families of victims injured or killed as a result of the September 11 attacks. This charity is close to the hearts of many Phi Mu Delta brothers. Sadly, the fraternity lost two of their own on September 11, 2001.

Adam Welteroth is in charge of the coordination of Saturday's event. "This concert is a tribute to two fallen brothers. One brother was in one of the planes that crashed. Another was in a tragedy related car accident. He was a Mansfield Graduate," Welteroth said.

The concert will feature several different local and regional rock bands. Campus talent includes

rockers Relyk, Losing Time and Whiteside. Members of the band Whiteside are no strangers to the Mansfield rock scene. Formerly known as The Rob Warren Band, three of the band's members got their start playing with the popular campus band, Blue Shadow.

The band will be performing a set of original pieces and covers including songs by the Beatles and the Dave Matthews Band.

Whiteside member Mike Whittemore is pleased to take part in the remembrance of 9/11. "Even though it happened three years ago, it is still on many of our minds. It is important to pay tribute to those we have lost, whether it be three years or 30 years," Whittemore said.

Relyk is another campus band gaining popularity at Mansfield University. The band caught the attention of the University's students when they took third at last semester's Battle of the Band's competition.

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Mike Whittemore, Maurice Whiteside and Russ Eskin; members of Whiteside, performed at a floor program last semester.

Frederick Douglass Institute comes to Mansfield University

By MEGAN SUTTON

Flashlight Writer

The Martin Luther King Center will be holding an Open house 11:00 a.m. until 2:00p.m., Sept. 9. The Open house is being held to provide information on the Frederick Douglass Institute. Martin Luther King Center Open House will have organizations such as Latino Student Organization, Black Student Union, Women With A Mission and many more. Everyone is welcome to attend this special occasion. Refreshments will be served.

The Frederick Douglass Institute is a new addition to Mansfield University and the Martin Luther King Center. Mansfield University is the 14th and final academic institution to adopt the Frederick Douglass Institute policies. The Frederick Douglass Institute is an organization committed to an

academic and diverse culture. This institute will be providing activities and research for the students of Mansfield University. It will employ faculty and staff with an opulent sense of culture. The Frederick Douglass Institute will work closely with African-American studies, Latin American Studies, and Women's studies. It will also create a support system for students and a chance to enhance culture throughout the university. The Institute will give Mansfield University an opportunity to bring new organizations and activities for students to enjoy.

This year, the Frederick Douglass Institute will have many opportunities for students. In autumn 2005, Frederick Douglass Scholarships will be awarded to two deserving students at Mansfield University. Civil Rights Activist and NAACP chairperson Julian Bond will be speaking at 7:30 p.m., Sept. 29, in Straughn Auditorium.

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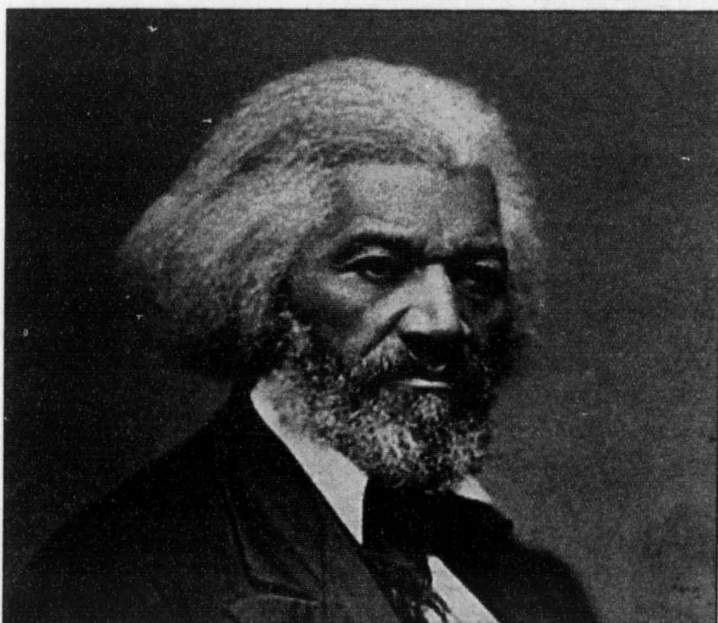


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Named after abolitionist Frederick Douglas, the Institute will provide activities and research for students of MU.



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Today's Weather



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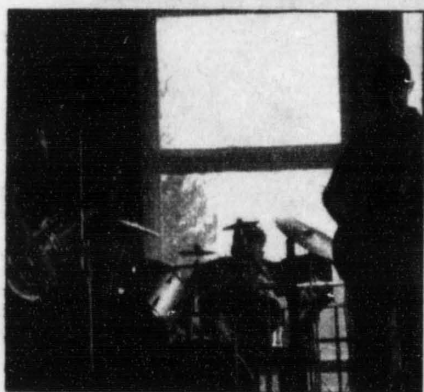
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Ward Rekart, bass player for Relyk, acknowledges 9/11 still affects many today. "It has been a few years, but there is still a lot of suffering. It is good to support families who need help," Rekart said.

Headlining the concert is the popular Williamsport based rock band, Drive.

Phi Mu Delta will hold other charitable fund-raisers this year, including a drive to benefit St. Jude's children's hospital, the fraternity's philanthropy project.



SARAH STOERMER/THE FLASHLIGHT
Relyk performed last spring at the MU Battle of the Bands competition.

'DOUGLASS'

The University and Community are encouraged to become involved at the Martin Luther King Center and the Frederick Douglass Institute. Materials such as books and videos are available for use and are welcome for students and members of the community.

Questions and concerns can be directed towards Dr. Lynn Pifer. Also, suggestions are always welcome. The Martin Luther King Center and the Frederick Douglass Institute is here for the people.

Lecture series to focus on civic engagement

Civic Engagement is the theme of Mansfield University Faculty Lecture Series during the fall semester. Civic Engagement refers to all aspects of community and individual involvement in public life and the support of the values of democracy.

On Wednesday, September 22, David Stover, legal counsel for the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education, and Matt Syrett, instructor in MU's Library-Information Services department, will lead a discussion of "Copyright Issues."

On Tuesday, October 19, Sandra Engel, professor and chair of the humanities department at Mohawk Valley Community College will make a presentation entitled "Do You Not Have Water Buffalo in Your Province?"

On Wednesday, October 27, Mansfield Psychology Professor Dennis Murray will present "A Profile of Mansfield University First-Year Students: Implications for Student Engagement and Leadership Development."

"Civic Engagement in the Jacksonian Era" will be the topic of a presentation by Karen Guenther, chair of the MU History and Political Science department, on Wednesday, November 10.

All Faculty Lecture Series events will be held in Alumni Hall, Room 307 at 4 p.m. They are free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served.

The Faculty Lecture Series is sponsored by the Office of the Provost.

Father Leonard, Pastor and Courtney Murphy Hull, Catholic Campus Minister invite you to attend a weekend service at:

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Info-to-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

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EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED! For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★**Martin Luther Center is holding an open house** on Sept. 9, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The Frederick Douglass Institute is co-sponsoring the event. Refreshments will be served. **All are welcome!**

★**MISO meeting every Friday at 5 p.m.** in room 307 of the AHUB.

★**WNTF-FM invites you to join the crew.** Meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 317 AHUB. **All majors are welcome!**

Weekly Weather

TODAY



Rain with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 72° Low: 60°

THURSDAY



Heavy Rain with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 71° Low: 54°

SUNDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 74° Low: 53°

FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 67° Low: 51°

MONDAY



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High: 80° Low: 54°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

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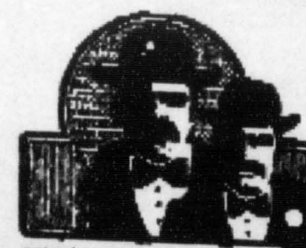
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Join other MU students as they get on the bus and head home for break with the confidence knowing their ride will also bring them back. Enjoy a movie in a relaxing atmosphere while a qualified driver gets you home and back to school safely!

For a minimal cost, you can ride the bus from the Kelchner Fitness Center to 30th Street Station in Philadelphia **FOR ALL THREE BREAKS** this fall. For one round trip ticket, the cost will be \$50, for two round trip tickets, the cost of each trip will be \$45, and for all three bus trips, the cost will only be \$40 each! Sign up now because seating will be limited to the first 47 passengers.

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Storyteller, Donald Davis, returns to Mansfield University

"I discovered that in a story I could safely dream any dream, hope any hope, go anywhere I pleased, fight any foe, win or lose, live or die." So says master storyteller Donald Davis, who will visit the Mansfield University campus on Thursday, September 16 and Friday, September 17.

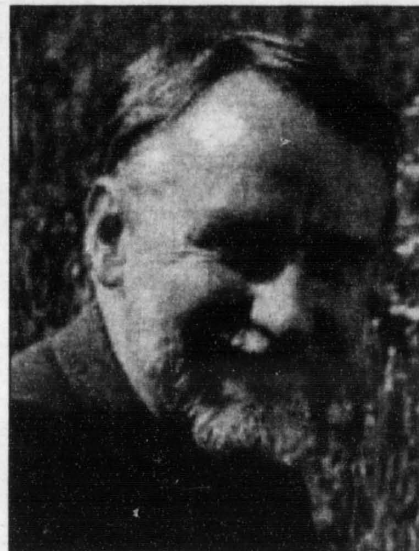


PHOTO BY MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Storyteller, Donald Davis

Perhaps the most acclaimed storyteller in America, Davis will appear in Steadman Theater at 8 p.m. both nights.

Born into a family of traditional storytellers in the southern Appalachian Mountains, Davis grew up with fairy tales, ancient Welsh and Scottish folk tales, mountain lore, and true life stories of neighbors and kin. "I didn't learn stories," he recalls, "I just absorbed them." Now, he says, storytelling "...is not what I do for a living...it is how I do all that I do while I am living."

Davis is a graduate of Duke University Divinity School, a retired Methodist minister, and a former chairperson of the board of

directors of the National Storytelling Association. He is a regular headliner at the National Storytelling Festival, a featured teller at the Smithsonian Institution, and a guest host for National Public Radio. Winner of numerous awards, he is also a prolific author and master teacher.

Davis has performed several times in the past at Mansfield said Dennis Murray, MU professor of psychology, who is coordinating the events. "He is one of the best-known and best-respected storytellers in the country," Murray said. "He was high on our wish list for a return engagement."

Davis's visit continues a long tradition of nurturing storytelling at MU, Murray noted. For two decades, MU hosted the Appalachian Storytelling Festival. In recent years, the university has hosted of two evenings of storytelling on campus annually.

General admission for the performances is \$10. Tickets for seniors and non-MU students are \$5. Admission is free for MU students, staff and faculty.

Davis will also lead a "life story" workshop Friday, 2-4 p.m. to help participants learn to tell their own stories. The fee for the workshop is \$35.

He will also present a special performance on Friday morning for area school groups in Straughn Hall.

For more information about the events connected with Davis's visit to MU, contact Murray at 570-662-4775.

What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO

Flashlight Writer

and

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Flashlight News Co-Editor

BESLAN, Russia—President Vladimir Putin promised wide ranged reforms to toughen security and expunge occupation. This statement came days after terrorists blew up a bomb they had planted in a school gymnasium. The explosion killed over 350 people, nearly half of them children.

FREEPORT, Bahamas—

Hurricane Francis tore through the Bahamas Saturday leaving at least two people dead and several people injured. Because the Hurricane was moving at an unusually slow pace of just 5 mph, the Bahamian people endured an even longer torment. Many of the islands people were forced into shelters.

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Izzat Ibrahim Al-Douri was captured Saturday

by Iraqi forces. Al-Douri is the most wanted fugitive from Saddam Hussein's regime. DNA testing is being done to make sure authorities have caught the right man, because Al-Douri is not in U.S. custody. U.S. Maj. O'Neal of the Tikrit-based 1st Infantry Division said he could not confirm that Al-Douri had been captured. Past reports of Al-Douri's arrests have been proven false.

TOKYO, Japan—An earthquake hit Japan, it registered 7.3 on the Richter scale, Sunday. This was the second earthquake to hit Japan within five hours. As Tsunamis approached the coast, evacuations were ordered. At least seven people were injured in the last quake.

VATICAN CITY—Saturday, Pope John Paul II continued his campaign against gay marriages. The pope told the Canadian ambassador provinces that allow for same sex marriages provide a "false understanding" of marriage. Three Canadian provinces allow

for same-sex marriages, those provinces account for 70 percent of Canada's people.

LONDON, England—Pop star Jay Kay, the front man for Jamiroquai, a popular techno-funk group, has been banned from driving for six months and fined 750 pounds for speeding. He admitted to driving 105 mph on southbound A9, a



well known highway, near Perth in central Scotland.

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL, Canada—A hydroelectric plant, that provides over 4,000 homes with power closed down on Tuesday, after a humpback whale swam through the underwater gates connecting the plant to the Atlantic Ocean. The spokes-

woman for the power plant said the whale may have been chasing a school of herring. It made some attempts to swim out but the large boats may have been a distraction. The whale is not in any immediate danger and authorities are still trying to draw the animal into the bay.

KANSAS CITY, Missouri—A body found in July behind a vacant apartment building has been linked to five others discovered since Thursday in the same part of the city. At a news conference, held on Sunday, police Capt. Rich Lockhart said three victims were so decomposed that police have not been able yet to determine their race or gender. The other three bodies have been identified.

NEW YORK, New York—Britney Spears' fans are buying wads of her chewed gum on eBay. There are over two dozen auctions of used chewing gum, each claiming their product has been chewed and spit out by the 22-year-old

pop-goddess. Prices go as high as \$14,000.

MASON CITY, Iowa—

Theresa Heinz Kerry, wife of presidential candidate John Kerry, was rushed to the hospital Saturday after complaints of an upset stomach. Doctors preformed tests and released Heinz Kerry, after performing routine tests. Heinz Kerry was reportedly feeling better and returned to her Pittsburgh home.

SACRAMENTO, California—A 9,200 acre wildfire is being fought by fire-fighters who are trying to protect precious wine land and avoid loss of power in parts of Northern Arizona. The fire began Friday and is being fueled by winds blowing up to 20-mph. "The land is un-hospitable for fire-fighters, but very hospitable for fires," spokeswoman, Janet Marshall said.

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News in a flash: Region News

By ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

PENNSDALE, N.Y.—An overturned camper slowed down traffic on Interstate 180 last Monday and kept crews cleaning up the accident for almost four hours. According to the driver, Galen Snyder of 193 Heilman Circle, Clinton Township, he was pulling the camper with his Dodge Durango when he lost control of the vehicle due to "some gusts of wind."

WILLAMSPORT, Pa.—Veteran city police Agent William Weber finds that most violent acts are a result of disputes between young adults in the city. The majority of shootings that occurred in the area involved people between the ages 18 and 22. Weber contributes some of this to

overexposure to violence in television, movies, and song lyrics.

ELMIRA, N.Y.—

Residents of the city agree with the recommended development for the Chemung River, but do not want to see a further increase their property taxes. Cornell Cooperative Extension of Chemung County recommended several ideas for the area including bicycle and hiking trails, more river-front businesses, and improved river access. Elmira City Manager Samuel F. Iraci Jr. plans to look into other options for funding, including federal grant funds.

ULYSSES, Pa.—Charles P. Sides, 40, of Manheim died last Saturday night

in a three-wheel all-terrain vehicle accident in Hector Township. According to police, Sides drove off the path only about 21 feet when the ATV hit a log and flipped over. He was not wearing a helmet. Potter County Coroner Kevin Dusenbury recorded that this was the third fatal accident in the county within a week.

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y.—The annual Grand Prix Festival will be held this weekend at the racetrack. This festival pays tribute to the heritage of racing and to those drivers who brought the tradition to the area. The MG is the primary car this weekend with this year being the 50th anniversary of the Collier Cup for MGs.

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Fall lineup returns to reality

By JAMES McGARRIGLE

The Shorthorn U. Texas-Arlington

Gangsters, bounty hunters and Sylvester Stallone. This fall, reality TV gets tough as a host of new shows enter the arena to take on some returning veterans.

CBS is clinging to the popularity of their most celebrated shows. "Big Brother" also returned, rolling out its fifth season to a rapturous reception, having had the highest ever ratings for the show this August.

It will also recycle "Survivor" for "Survivor: Vanuatu -- Island of Fire" to premiere Thursday, Sept. 16.

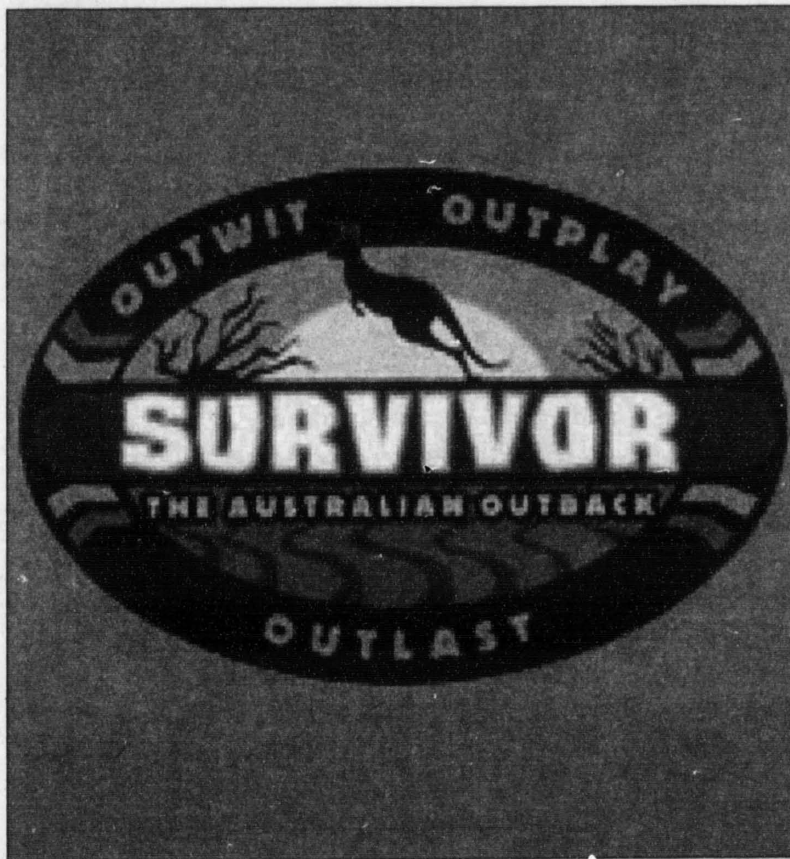
Eighteen castaways will compete once again for the million-dollar prize in a battle of wits and endurance.

However, not all UTA students are avid viewers of these shows. English graduate student Claire Marlatt said she has become tired of the "oversensationalized" format and offered her opinion.

"Are Americans really so dissatisfied with their daily lives that they have to live through the lives of others in reality TV?" Marlatt said. "I don't hate them all, but I am cynical."

Not content to rely upon a seasoned fan base, FOX is casting its net wide and hitting back with no fewer than five reality shows, including three newcomers. FOX's ultimate makeover show "Renovate My Family," which debuted Sept. 1, looks to reshape the lives of the contestants by redesigning homes, fitness regimes and offering life coaching to the contestants.

Also in the lineup for FOX this fall is the second season of "Trading Spouses" and "The



Source/Courtesy: CBS

Survivor season 9 begins next week.

Swan." The network is launching a direct assault against the success of NBC's popular hit "The Apprentice" with their own test of business acumen to run alongside NBC's second season. "The Billionaire" features Britain's Richard Branson as Donald Trump's opposite number serving up challenges to young entrepreneurs seeking to win a place at his side.

Local businessman Mark Cuban, owner of the Dallas Mavericks, aims to give Branson and Trump a run for their money by starring

in ABC's "The Benefactor." Cuban will award a complete stranger \$1 million if they manage to outperform 15 other hopefuls in the tasks he sets.

Mechanical engineering senior Stephen Friese said he prefers shows like "The Apprentice" which feature a more competitive edge.

"I like it because it involves a natural competitiveness which brings out the person," he said. "When you bring a prize to the scene it lets you identify who these people are."

FOX has become involved in a legal scrap with NBC over their plans to showcase a boxing-themed reality show

because of its likeness to another program. FOX's "The Next Great Champ" survived a threat of preliminary injunction from being aired ahead of NBC's "The Contender," but producers of the NBC show are still pursuing monetary damages.

FOX will land the first blow by screening their take on the format tomorrow at least three weeks before the premier of "The Contender," but the sheer star power of NBC's effort certainly looks threatening, as

Sylvester Stallone and Sugar Ray Leonard mentor the young hopefuls.

Wednesdays this fall will showcase the efforts of ABC and UPN as "The Bachelor" and "America's Next Top Model" return to the small screen. ABC's social experiment "V: Life Swap" also enters the fold on Sept. 29. The show was originally set to show in the summer but was delayed in an attempt to develop a higher quality show and reach larger audiences in the fall.

Cable network channel A&E is hosting two rather more radical reality documentary series to steal away major network viewers. Their inside look at the lives of mob boss daughter Victoria Gotti and her three sons granted A&E its most-watched series premiere in the 20-year history of the network.

In a similar vein, "Dog The Bounty Hunter," which debuted Aug. 31, aims to draw audiences into the underworld and the family life of professional bounty hunter Duane "Dog" Chapman. Watching the leather clad Chapman capture those on the run and then fail to make his three-year-old daughter take a timeout epitomizes the show's appeal.

Interior design Junior Meredith Fenton said she enjoys certain segments of the makeover shows that tie in with her degree interests but said she is concerned by the overall trend of TV networks.

"I think it's out of control," she said. "I think in five years' time we'll have nothing but reality TV, and we'll have Survivor 10 or something like that."

Book review:

'Curious Incident' makes for a great read

By ZOE POLLOCK

The Justice Brandeis U.

Light summer reading takes on a whole new meaning when the protagonist is a 15-year-old autistic kid who seems like he's got everything figured out, unless you're reading Mark Haddon's "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Nighttime." It's not that I'm jealous of Christopher, the sharp idiot savant, who functions in British society but is just eccentric enough to step back tentatively (not talk to people for weeks, not touch anyone and have an obsessively observant awareness of surroundings) in order to berate the idiosyncrasies and absurdities of modern culture.

But yeah, I'm jealous.

Nothing like biting social commentary from the "special" gallery to put you back in your place. Christopher's voice has an offbeat and yet unapologetic tone; in his distorted world people, emotions and relationships seem to

be the crazy thing, because they don't follow any rule or order. Christopher virtually shuts down in this world -- with too many unknowns bringing on too many discomforts (just your normal case of public groaning or hitting, potentially healthier than our more socially acceptable repression). His book begins as a Holmesian foray into the murder of a neighbor's poodle with a pitchfork, because mysteries, like math proofs or machines, are systematic, logical and always have an answer.

"It's a quick and enjoyable read -- like hanging out with a kid who can spout theory effortlessly and uses it to prove how silly adults can be."

But along the way he stumbles and we fall with him into the web of his parents' weaknesses, failures and lies, to uncover harsh truths. His psyche acts as a proof in itself, as his story makes us long for his disparate and simpler mindset, without the taint of human folly.

It's a quick and enjoyable read -- like hanging out with a kid who can spout theory effortlessly and uses it to prove how silly adults can be. He is part mental recluse and part smart aleck, as Michiko Kakutani of the New York Times summarized, "Think of The Sound and the Fury crossed with The Catcher in the Rye and one of Oliver Sacks' real life stories." Both funny and touching, his story makes life in general seem simpler, though you still can't convince me math is easy or cool.

Campus enforces new excused absence policy

By KRISTIN PUTNAM

Flashlight Writer

Returning students may have noticed something different in their class syllabi this fall. Many of the professors on campus will now only accept absences that have been excused by Registrar Carol Alexander. "This is our first time we've done anything like this, so I'm sure there will be bumps," said Registrar Alexander. "We are always open to suggestions from students, faculty and staff. If you have any suggestions please let us know."

Students are required to get their absences recognized/excused by Registrar Alexander. This will help the students as well as the professors. It allows the student to just go see Registrar Alexander and get their absence excused rather than to each professor individually. This will save both the professors and students a lot of time. Sophomore Matthew Rader says "I believe that having this new policy on reporting excused absences is going to help improve student's grades, and crack down on absences as a whole." If you

are wondering whether or not an absence is justifiable, call Registrar Alexander. Depending on what your circumstances are it may or may not be excusable (leaving early for vacation is not excusable).

Here are a few recognizable absences (absences that are out of the students control): campus activities, doctors excuse, school clinic excuse, death in family, injury in family (depending on family member and/or injury), if one is subpoenaed (to testify in court), surgery, mental issues, probation (have a meeting with their probation officer).

There are also other circumstances where Registrar Alexander will work with the student to find a compromise. A few examples of this would be the death of close friend or a relative in service being deployed. Any sickness/problem is confidential if you decide to share with Registrar Alexander, but one is not required to share their problem. For example, if it is a mental issue that you are dealing with it is up to the student if they decide to

share their information with Registrar Alexander. If you do decide to share that information, it is kept confidential. However, if a family member is deployed, it may be in the student's best interest to share this information with your professors as well as with Registrar Alexander so that the professors can help to best suit the students needs.

Documentation is needed so Registrar Alexander knows that the issue is legitimate. Advance documentation is great and will be accepted by Registrar Alexander. Late documentation will be accepted, but it is up to the individual professor if he/she wants to accept it.

Danielle Zarambo, a sophomore at Mansfield University states "I think that this is a good policy and it separates the people who are worried about their classes from the people who don't really care if they go or not."

To contact Registrar Carol Alexander: Email- caalexand@mnsfld.edu or telephone the Academic Records Office- in South Hall at x4202. Registrar Carol Alexander's direct number is x4805.

New excused absence procedure

Any student who wants to request that an absence be excused must:

1. Submit documentation to Carol Alexander (510 North Hall)

2. Carol will review documentation against university criteria for excused absences.

3. Faculty member will be notified as to whether or not the absence has been excused.

4. The student will be notified of the decision.

5. Student and faculty member will determine if/how the work will be made up.

Career Development office holds marketing-branding contest at MU

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT

Flashlight Writer

The office of career development will be taking submissions for a marketing-branding contest on November 16 at 4:00 p.m.

The goal of the contest is to select a winner that can create a creative marketing-branding plan for the Career Development office. The contest is open to any student or team of students that are currently enrolled at Mansfield University. Student Marissa Kaydar works at the office. "We don't have a specific logo for the office, so we wanted to kind of create something that students could kind of identify as part of our office."

Julia Overton-Healy, the director of Career Development, plays a large role in the contest. "I'm the client from a business viewpoint." Overton-Healy said, "I will provide information to the competitors about this office, it's vision, and how I see it moving forward with Mansfield. I'm also going to serve as an information source for people who want to compete and as a member of the judging panel."

Overton-Healy came up with the contest idea shortly after joining Mansfield University. She did a random survey of the students and discovered that a lot of the students were not aware of the office's location or what it can do for them.

Overton-Healy is hopeful that the contest will raise the awareness and visibility of the Career Development office, so that it becomes more user-friendly to the students.

"I'm really dedicated to helping students prepare for their life work. There are skills and there are strategies that students can learn that will help them for the rest of their life, but unless they know about this office, I can't help them." Overton-Healy said, "They need to know that we're here, and I'm hoping that this event will really reach out to the students and show them how beneficial our services can be to them."

According to the rules, all of the contest submissions must be the original work of the student or team of students, must be created without the financial assistance of any office affiliated with Mansfield

University, and if the Mansfield University logo is used in the project, it must remain unaltered. The submissions should include a formal marketing plan report, theme, visual models, logos, budget estimates, and a time-line for the launch. Students competing will be required to present a marketing "pitch" to the judging panel. The judging panel will critique the submissions on their creativity, scope/breadth, viability, budget impact, and effectiveness of presentation.

Students should submit their projects on the November 16 "pitch" day, and after all of the projects are judged, the winners will be announced at a reception on November 23. The first place winner will receive a \$200 credit at the University Bookstore and the second place winner will receive a \$100 credit.

"I'm really excited to see the different ideas and Julia is very excited as well." Kosydar said "We want something that is very concrete and well thought out, and we're excited to see how many students get involved as well."

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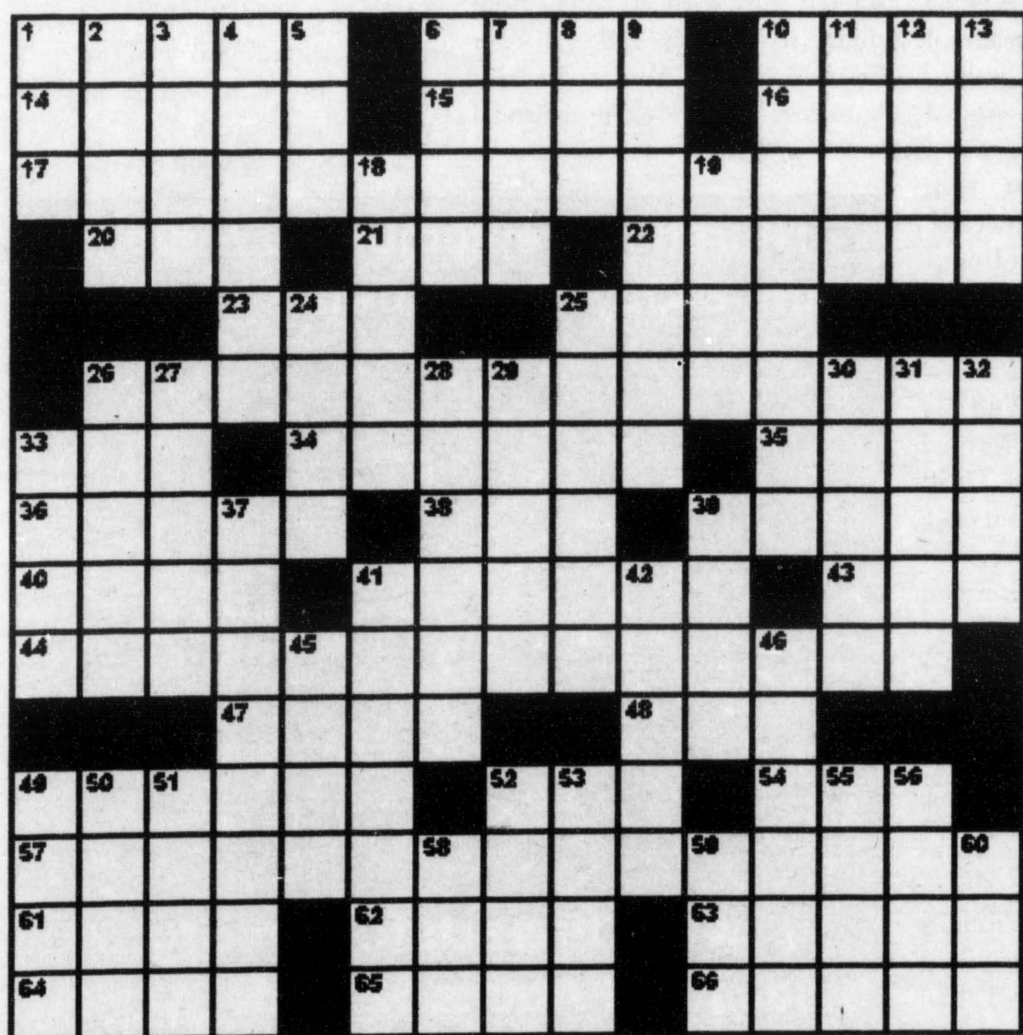
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Warped Tour 2004: great music for a great price

By JENN MAGNUSSEN

Flashlight Writer

One of the best things to do in the summer is go to concerts. Even better, go see fifteen bands in the span of eight hours. I had the chance to do just that at Warped Tour, 2004. For all those who are not aware, the Warped Tour is a huge festival that has anywhere from thirty to forty bands. The bands play in half-hour increments. You never have to wait for one band to set up because while the other band is performing the band that played on the previous stage is tearing down. There are about six to seven different stages with four of the stages are for the better known bands with two main stages. But the warped tour is not just about the music.

At one point I had about an hour and a half to walk around and enjoy all that Warped Tour had to offer. They had a tent called Punk Voters. You could register to vote and buy pins, stickers, posters, and shirts. Just a warning, it was anti-Bush, as

was much of the festival. There were so many tents where record labels and bands and they gave out a lot of free stuff. You would approach someone and walk away with a free CD. I have about numerous CDs that I didn't even have to pay for. There is nothing better than getting free music.

With all that aside, my main focus of the day was to see as many bands as I could. The first band that I got to see was The Casualties. They were amazing and just so alive on stage. They were out there with their mohawks flapping in the wind. Unfortunately, I only got to catch about half of their act. The next band I saw was Coheed and Cambria. I may be the most hated girl at Mansfield University when I say that they were awful. I found myself counting the minutes until I was able to see the next band.

Maybe it was the sound or maybe it was the people or maybe I'm just making up excuses because I thought they were terrible.

After that awful experience, Sugarcult came on. I was beyond excited to see Sugarcult. Any band that can get a crowd of about 200 people to do spirit fingers and jazz hands makes my day! They started off playing "Hate Every Beautiful Day" from the album Start Static and played music from their first album all the way up to their most recent album Palm Trees and Power Lines, they ended with



PHOTO BY JENN MAGNUSSEN

Story of the Year rocks the crowd at the Warped Tour, 2004.

their newest release Memory. They were defiantly in my top ten bands of the day. Some other bands I saw were Anti-Flag and they were awesome as well, although if you don't want to hear negative political views on George W. I would say you wouldn't like them. I watched Avenged Sevenfold, International Noise Conspiracy, Bouncing Souls, Rufio, Good Charlotte, New Found Glory and some more that I'll get into as I make my way towards the last five bands of the night.

The Vandals made my top five list at number five. It's a pretty funny story with them. I was right in front of the stage about three people back from the gate when someone decided to pick on the short girl. Needless to say I made my way over to the end of the crowd. I found a part of the gate



PHOTO BY JENNIFER CASLIN

Mike Peters (left), Jeff Martinak (center) and Mike Shelf (left) with Piebald, one of the rotating bands on the Warped tour 2004.

that was off to the side. I was pretty lucky because my view of the stage was amazing. It was as if I had waiting up front for hours when in reality I just walked

over and found an empty spot. I decided that there was no way I was moving from that spot because next up was Yellowcard. From where I was standing I could also watch the other stage which was great. I think I had the best view of everyone there.

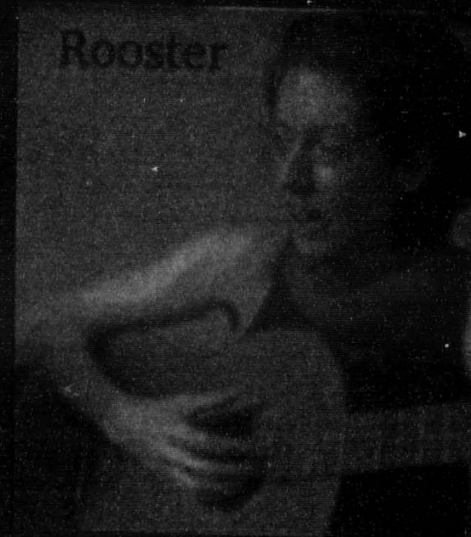
Next up for my stage and my number four favorite Warped Tour Band was Yellowcard. I had heard from a few people that they weren't all that great live. So I took that into consideration and still decided that I wanted to see them. I'm so glad that I did. They started off with "Only One" off their new album Ocean Avenue. They also played several other songs off Ocean Avenue. They made it a point to play about three songs off their first album titled, On For The Kids. Violinist Sean Mackin made my night when he did a back flip and then

that crowd was singing and screaming. They had the crowd in the palm of their hands. It's a gift that some bands have. They can get the crowd to do just about anything and everything they want. I now want to see Taking Back Sunday in concert again. Their new album Where You Want To Be is one of my favorite albums of the summer. Buy it, own it, and most of all love it.

Number two is none other than Flogging Molly. I had been waiting over a year to see them and every minute of that wait was well worth it. When I noticed some people moving down I jumped at the chance to be almost right in front of the stage. When Flogging Molly came out and started with "Devils Dance Floor" I went crazy. I screamed so much for them that I completely lost my voice. Then they took a break because a man was about to be shot out of a cannon. Which was pretty cool until the man went flying into the net and it collapsed. I think the whole crowd was silent until the guy stood up and said he was ok. Then Flogging Molly started up again with "Salty Dog." I would pay a hundred dollars to see them again.

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'Garden State' a heartfelt film with an eclectic soundtrack

By MEREDITH DIETRICH
Badger Herald (U. Wisconsin)

It always seems impressive when a TV actor makes the transition to the big screen, but to also write a script and direct it seems impossible. Impossible it is not, as Zach Braff was able to do all three triumphantly with "Garden State," his directorial debut. The movie boasts perfect comedic timing, a feel-good plot-line and a great soundtrack.

"Garden State," while not original in its ideology, is conveyed realistically and in a way that is embraceable. Andrew, played by Zach Braff, has been medicated for most of his life, numb to the world and its emotions, because his father/therapist believes it to be the best way to make Andrew happy. Unfortunately, Andrew is not happy, which is the reason for his escape from his hometown in New Jersey to pursue an acting career in Los Angeles. When his mother drowns in her bathtub due to her condition as a paraplegic, Andrew must return home and face his past demons. The movie follows Andrew on a journey toward self-happiness and a life without medication. He runs into old friends, who take him back to his adolescence. He meets Samantha (played by Natalie Portman), a pathological liar with a conscience, who makes him discover life all over again. In her and his old friends he finds the happiness the medicine his father prescribed could never give him.

Braff makes the plot-line surpris-

ing and believable. Maybe due to his writing skills or his ability to pick great actors, but each of the characters can be related to, especially as a college student. With his directorial debut, Braff shows the audience he isn't scared to take some risks, as the plot-line has its own twist that gives the movie added depth. The film never asks too much of the audience in what they are willing to believe because he creates a world that could have very well existed many times before.

Braff makes Andrew a man devoid of emotion, working hard to find some, and he plays the mundane character well. He's solid but bland. When he finally discovers that he does have some emotion and experiences what it is like to actually feel them, Braff doesn't change the character too much, except for a few outbreaks once or twice. This may be the one downfall of the movie: That Andrew doesn't seem to change much, even though he somehow does seem to start feeling things again. How is this possible? How can one stay so boring once they've discovered a life once forgotten?

However, Natalie Portman's portrayal of Sam is entirely phenomenal. She gives the character flair, always with a smile that makes her eccentricities lovable and real. The chemistry between Samantha and Andrew is enlightening because it's not all about sex and love but about finding out who you are and where



PHOTO FROM WWW.IMDB.COM

Zach Braff melds into the scenery in *Garden State*.

you belong. Portman plays Samantha's character as a girl looking to be original in the world and finding that it isn't always what it's cracked up to be. She helps Andrew discover, however, that sometimes being original is better than blending in.

The movie allows for self-doubt and almost relishes it. It leaves the viewer with the feeling that everything doesn't need to be figured out at once, that life is constant self-discovery. The music helps aid the flow and gives the film yet another character.

The soundtrack to the film makes the movie that much better and is good in its own right. Each track carries with it an original melody, interesting lyrics and memories of

enlightenment from the film. Featuring up-and-coming artist like the Shins and Frou Frou, it gives the listener some new tastes and happy vibes.

The Shins have two of their songs featured on the album. One of them, "New Slang," is reminiscent of Simon and Garfunkel (who also have a track on the album). It opens harmoniously with a gentle guitar and soft wooing. The guitar is joined by more melody and a soft but steady drum beat. With the chorus chanting, "If you turn to me like a girl takes to the wind / Well I'd have jumped from my tree / And I'd dance like the king of the eyesores," it is ambiguous, but it is sung with such tranquility that it makes the song soothing and

happy.

Frou Frou, a popular British singer, lends her vocal style with the song "Let Go." The song has a symphonic flow mixed with psychedelic backgrounds, giving it an empowering and engulfing feeling. Her voice, although airy, is compelling and subtle, contributing to the music instead of the usual reverse. The chorus, "So let go / Jump in / What are you waiting for / It's all right / There's beauty in the breakdown," seems like the theme for the movie. The song rejoices in giving in and while it seems like a depressing idea, the song is so all-consuming that letting go is all too easy.

Remy Zero's track "Fair" is slow and deep in a way that's not profound but makes you want to listen for a long time. The guitar on this track is simple but beautiful and the drums, which queue in at the chorus, lift the spirits, slowly and climactically. As the song leads up to the chorus, "So what if you catch me/Where would we live?" the listener is brought from contentment to pure joy. The tempo, melody and simple instrumentals are combined to create a slow song with high impact.

The music gives the film a hand in creating a feel-good vibe. Zach Braff shows his cinematic knowledge and has a strong ability to capture his listeners and keep them captivated. What's more, he leaves a smile on their faces.

From Russia with love

HILLARY GRUMBINRE
Flashlight Writer

This is a first for me and I'm pretty sure it's also a first for all of you reading. Last year I was one of the news Co-Editors for The Flashlight and this semester, I'm studying in Volgograd, Russia. I can't very well edit from Russia, so the next best thing was to have my very own column in Features!

I'll start out by saying that when you read this I will most likely be sightseeing in and around St. Petersburg, my first stop on my adventures in Russia. Don't worry, I won't be alone, I've got eight lovely companions. This column is going to be about our travels throughout our stay, everything from the beauty of the palaces in St. Petersburg to what it's like living in a city with 1 million people who don't speak your native language.

I've never taken a Russian class; I'm going there completely blind to their language, culture and customs. This makes me either very brave or completely insane. I'd prefer to think of myself as brave.

Because I can't tell you much about Russia yet, it might be a good idea to know what has to be done in preparation for the trip. First on my list was getting a passport. As a word of advice, get your passport as soon as possible if you know you'll be traveling abroad! It's not good to procrastinate and end up crossing your fingers in hopes that it comes in time- it's entirely too stressful! Don't worry about looking fantastic in the photo for your passport because much like driver's license photos, the passport doesn't look like you on a bad day, let alone a good one. The next step was a visa; thankfully Monique Oyallon at Mansfield University helped me out

with most of this by having the students fill out applications before we even left school.

As far as paperwork, that's all you really need. People often ask if I needed lots of shots to go to Russia. I didn't because I keep my vaccinations up to date. The only thing I did need was an AIDS test. Because of rising AIDS rates in Russia, it's asked that those coming into the country have a test done and bring the results along with them when entering the country.

I'm also a shopaholic, so my preparation for Russia included trips to various stores to get a new winter coat, lots of sweaters, comfortable walking shoes, warm socks and random other things like a mesh laundry basket that can fold up into practically the size of my palm. Space is important when you're only allowed two suitcases that are 70 pounds a piece!

Traveling abroad has caused me many sleep-

less nights this summer. Recent events haven't been the easiest to deal with. My family's scared, my friends are scared and me? I'm petrified at times. I know that what I'm doing is something I've dreamt about for a long time. My mother raised me to be a very strong individual and because of that I feel confident I can handle this. It won't always be easy and it might be hard to meet people, but in the end it's worth it. This kind of experience happens once in a lifetime. The best part is that you guys get to share a little of it with me! I know I'm going to miss a lot of things while I'm away. My times at Mansfield University have flown by, but I've met some amazing people. I can only hope the friendships I make in Volgograd will be as meaningful and long lasting. Look for me next week with stories of my flight and whatever else I decide is fun to talk about!

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"

Celebrity endorsement: Rockin' the vote too hard

By THERESA BENNER
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Many have predicted that the number of 18-24 year-old voters will see a dramatic increase in the 2004 presidential election, and while nothing would make me happier than seeing my demographic better represented across our country, I worry that college students and the voting population as a whole may be choosing their candidates based on the wrong criteria.

It seems that much of this year's campaign has focused on celebrity and star-studded politics, and it concerns me that all this propaganda may be overly influencing voters; especially young voters.

Throughout this campaign, political endorsement has become downright trendy for Hollywood hipsters. Musicians and athletes have also gone out of their way to make their affiliations known. The problem with the celebrity situation is that most of them are neglecting to tell the population WHY they're backing a particular candidate (if they even know why) so that we may make up our own minds.

While Kerry's famous supporters have been much more public than the President's, each party has seen its fair share of red-carpet royalty. Kelsey Grammar, Bruce Willis, Mel Gibson and pop princesses Jessica Simpson and Britney Spears, are all backing George W. On the other

side, a number of musical groups and solo musicians such as NoFX, Bruce Springsteen, and The Dave Matthews Band have all either toured or been featured on compilation albums against George W. Bush.

Media outlets know that most readers, especially those targeting college students, would rather read about their favorite celebrities than what is going on in politics, so they load the news with glitter, gossip, and so-called politics.

I believe that most of these endorsements are goodnatured and I appreciate their attempts to be involved politically, but I feel that the overall message is lost when a superstar merely says "I'm for so-and-so". Shouldn't we be encouraging the people of our nation to think for themselves?

There have been few celebrities who have been using their clout simply to inspire people to vote, but at least there have been some. P. Diddy has established a nonpartisan voting initiative called Citizen Change. In an interview with *The New York Times*, Diddy cited MTV's Rock the Vote campaign and the Hip-Hop Summit Action Network (created by Russel Simmons) as influences for his organization, but felt he needed to update the idea. The organization is to appear in both Republican and Democratic events, and has also invited politicians and supporters from each party to participate.

The increasingly popular nonpartisan organi-

zation Declare Yourself has recently teamed up with Comedy Central and a number of famous comedians to promote the website, voting and political awareness. "In partnership with Comedy Central, we're using the power of humor and entertainment to reach young people in an unexpected way to encourage them to do something serious," said Norman Lear, founder of Declare Yourself, in a recent Press Release. "And what could be more important in an election year than to inspire a new generation of voters to participate in civic activism?"

The commercials, which you've probably already seen, were directed by Kevin Smith (*Dogma*, *Jay & Silent Bob*, *Clerks*) and feature a number of popular comedians including Wanda Sykes, Zach Braff and Ray Romano. If you haven't seen the commercials yet, hit up www.declareyourself.com and check them and the site out.

Please, don't vote for somebody because a musician told you too, or because you don't want your favorite action-hero-gone-politician to think you're a "girly man" (who was conspicuously absent from the latest *Predator* movie anyway). Take the time to learn about the candidates, the policies and the promises being made to you as voters. Also, if you've gotten your political info solely from the candidate's websites, you might want to do some more reading. They're just a bit biased.

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Political Commentary:

Convention features Zell-ous 'Republicrat'

By ZACH DuBORD

Flashlight Writer

If you watched or read the news last week in all the thrilling excitement of the first week of class, you were probably exposed to something scary. Rich, white, old men talking about compassion- that's right everybody's favorite quadrennial event: You guessed it, the Republican National Convention, where learning imagines being funded. I'm not sure which was my favorite part, the festive theme nights or vice president Dick Cheney trying to smile with his entire mouth, but I'm pretty sure it was the angry democrat. Wait, what? Who let that guy in?

When I realized that Senator Zell Miller, a Democrat from Georgia, was giving the keynote speech while at the same time remaining a Democrat, I couldn't quite figure out why or how he was there. My first instincts told me that he was from back in the 1800's before the Democrats became the Republicans and the Republicans became the Democrats. This would make a lot of sense considering that Senator Miller said, "I wish we lived in the day where you could challenge a person to a duel," on Hardball with Chris Matthews. Or perhaps Dick Cheney had finally mastered the Jedi mind trick.

While it is possible that Senator Miller is truly the screaming, rickety soul of Bipartisan politics, it is nothing new for a politician to support the opposing team or even switch parties. For example, New York City Mayor Bloomberg was a Democrat until he decided to run for mayor as Republican candidate when the Mayor Giuliani's term had expired. Lest we forget Jim Jeffords, a senator from Vermont, who in staunch disagreement with President Bush's emerging agenda, left the Republican Party in 2001 to become an Independent.

In consideration of this, Senator Miller taking the podium was a little unsettling, but not as much as hearing what he had to say. In his keynote address, Senator Miller supported President Bush by saying, "I have knocked on the door of this man's soul and found someone home, a God-fearing man with a good heart and a spine of tempered steel, the man I trust to protect my most precious possession: my family"

Not that a Democrat has never used God as a means of complimenting somebody, but I get a little aggravated when somebody tells me that having strong religious convictions denotes a qualified candidate for President. For one, moral character can exist without a strong connection to an invisible man in the

sky, and a lot of immoral acts have been committed by so-called 'god-fearing' men in the name of that very entity that they so highly regard. I dare say that Senator Miller would agree that Osama Bin Laden also has strong religious convictions and is an Allah-fearing man. Secondly, let me make it abundantly clear that I do not understand how putting a Christian zealot into office would help resolve the conflicts with radical Muslim zealots. I think history would suggest that this is more likely to create more violence and more bloodshed.

Let us examine another statement by Miller, this time in reference to his own political party: "In their warped way of thinking, America is the problem, not the solution. They don't believe there is any real danger in the world except that which America brings upon itself through our clumsy and misguided foreign policy."

Am I hearing this right? Is Senator Miller making a claim to the infallibility of American foreign policy? Unilaterally invading a country that might, kinda, sorta, maybe pose a threat to us is okay? If unilaterally invading any country that poses an "imminent" threat is justifiable then every single nation in the world is completely justified in attempting to invade

us. What nation poses more threat to other nations in terms of military capability than us? Or is it that Senator Miller thinks that a proper policy is one that allows our nation to do whatever we please in the international community?

Lastly, one of my personal favorites is when Senator Miller said that, "It is the soldier, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech. It is the soldier, not the agitator, who has given us the freedom to protest." Or it's the philosophers and the great political minds of the past that developed the concepts that gave people a reason to fight and a cause worth dying for. The freedoms of speech and protest were won by people so fed up with the way things are; people who recognized the fallibility and incorrectness of their own government, and risked life, limb, and property to do something about it. It was the poet who wrote the words that ignited the fire of the agitators that gave these freedoms to us.

In the end, I found Miller's keynote address to be inspiring and exciting, and it made me ask questions. Namely, why is Senator Miller, a person who is so aggressively conservative in foreign policy and so fond of George W. Bush, still a Democrat?

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Commentary: When women vote, women win

By JENNIFER NATHAN

Michigan Daily (U. Michigan)

As the United States and United Nations have helped Iraq and Afghanistan form new governments, they have taken steps to ensure that women will be proportionally represented. Meanwhile, here at home, the total number of women in the federal Legislature barely hits 14 percent of Congress. While women in America have made enormous strides over the last century in higher education and expanding job opportunities, we still live in a country where the men make the rules. How do we level the playing field? First, let's vote.

Remember 2000? Remember those 537 votes that determined who would be our president? Well guess what: On election day four years ago, 6 million women stayed home. And since then, we have watched the administration turn back the clock on our rights as women, at home and abroad. We have seen the loss of millions of dollars of funding for family planning and education for women overseas. We have seen limita-

tions on the ability of women serving our country in the military to receive medical abortions. We have seen hundreds of thousands of women across the country fall deeper and deeper into poverty as unemployment rates skyrocket and welfare funding remains stagnant. And we have seen our government redefine comprehensive sex education as "abstinence only," limiting the ability of young women to even learn that they have options.

Without delving into party politics, we as women need to ask ourselves: Does this administration represent our values? We need to think long and hard about what will be at stake in the next four years. One retirement on the U.S. Supreme Court means that our right to control our own bodies could be gone in an instant. Title IX, which grants us equal rights and protection in areas including but not limited to high school and college athletics, could well be eliminated by those who define female athletic programs as "special rights for women."

On an economic level, we live in a coun-

try where a woman with a college degree makes less money on average than a man who dropped out of high school. We need an administration that will focus on the issues of equal pay, equal education, health insurance for all (including coverage of contraceptives) and the promise of a living wage. We believe in national security and appropriate defense spending, but we cannot continue to sacrifice every domestic initiative that may allow women to continue to make the hard-earned gains that we deserve.

When women vote, women win. It's a slogan that you will likely see in various forms throughout the next two months. While I encourage every woman to take it literally - to run for office, to get into that "Old Boys" network and shake things up -- you can start by casting your ballot on Nov. 2. Too many women fought for our right to vote, only to die before we achieved it. We owe it to them to exercise this crucial right, at this crucial time. In the upcoming November election, our lives and the lives of our sisters worldwide depend on it.

'WARPED'

Finally at number one was Bad Religion. If any of you have spoken to me in the past week I'm sure that you have heard my story. I'm going to tell it again though. I was right at the side of the stage when Bad Religion started playing Let Them Eat War off their new album Empire Strikes First. I noticed what was a guitar pick come flying off stage. I looked up at my friend and screamed, "Look a guitar pick, I want it!" The security guard must have heard me and picked it up and gave it to me. So now I'm the proud owner of a guitar pick from Bad Religion. That was the best part of my whole Warped experience. Bad Religion was another band that I had waited a few years to see. Words honestly can't describe how much these guys rocked. It's one of those shows that you just have to be at in order to get the idea of how awesome this band is. At the end of their set people were screaming for them to play one more song, until Good Charlotte started playing. Then the Bad Religion fans made it a point to show Good Charlotte how angry they were. I personally thought that Bad Religion should have closed the show. The crowd for them had to be in the hundreds. All the other bands I saw I wasn't even close to being as squished as I was for Bad Religion, but it was all worth it. Once again I will tell all of you to see these guys in concert. You also should buy their new album Empire Strikes First.

The most disappointing part was that I didn't get to see NOFX. They ended their tour the show before mine. I wanted to make sure that I added a little note about them so I asked The Flashlight's own Mike Peters to give me his thoughts on seeing NOFX. "NOFX was amazing; I saw them twice, at Camden and Asbury park. out of all of the bands that I saw, they had the most differences in their set lists. They played songs from S&M Airlines to The War On Errorism. It was incredible. Fat mike declared NOFX the best band on tour and he was right. They had the biggest turn-out of all 60-plus bands on tour those two days. My best friend Jeff and I had been waiting since we were 16 to see these guys and they were well worth the wait. I would have gladly paid \$40, waited around in the hot sun for eight hours and sat through a Jon Bon Jovi concert just to see NOFX. That's how good they were! they are ridiculously funny and amazingly talented. I am just thankful that I had the opportunity to see them and Piebald on their last day on the tour."

If any of you ever have the chance to go to Warped Tour I would tell you to go. It's something that you don't want to miss. Forty dollars is all that it costs to see about fifteen to twenty bands play. Warped was definitely one of the highlights of my summer. I'm already making plans to see it again next summer. Peace out and rock on!

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The days, months and years change, but the highlights will live on pt.2

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

Welcome back to the top-10 summer highlights from *The Flashlight Sports* desk. I will pick up where I left off in the Aug. 28 issue with number five.

5. The "Randy Johnson Sweepstakes" comes in at number five. This was one of the biggest busts and biggest surprises of the summer. Johnson, the pitching God of today's game plays for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Let me rephrase that. He is the pitcher for the Arizona Diamondbacks. Earlier this year, the 40 year-old pitcher became the oldest pitcher to throw a perfect game; a feat that has only been done 15 times in regular season play. That no-hitter was the second of his brilliant career. Johnson is one of four pitchers with over 4,000 strikeouts. He is a first-ballot member of the Hall of Fame without a doubt. So, why is still he playing for the worst team I have seen in the last decade? Does he know the answer to that one? I feel bad for a pitcher of his caliber. He is 12-13 with the league lead in punch-outs (249) and era (2.80). How exactly does a pitcher with an era of 2.80 lose 13 of his first 25 decisions? The answer is easy. As long as he keeps allowing 2.8 runs per game, his team has got to score more than one run in each game he pitches. The only player worth watching on that pitiful team is Johnson. Johnson had this to say of his teams' condition and his situation

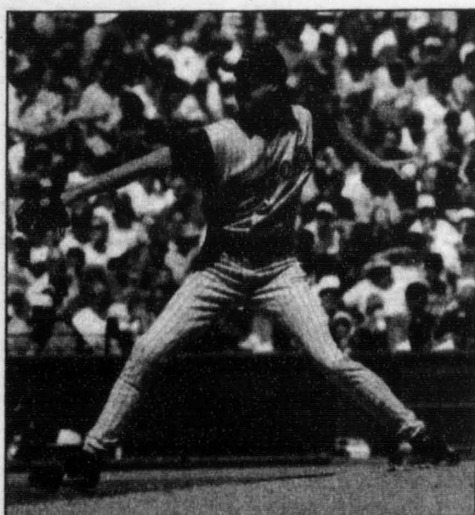


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Randy Johnson is hearing his name being thrown around in NL Cy Young discussions despite having a 12-13 record this year with Arizona.

since the departure of their two offensive weapons. "Losing Finley and Gonzo, I feel like I'm in a boat with no oars and the perfect storm is about to hit," Johnson said.

4. Number four belongs to one of the most dominant players of the 1990s; Ken Griffey Jr. In baseball, there are many "magical" numbers. Perhaps one of the greatest accomplishments is 500 home-runs. This number is "magical" because once a player eclipses it;

they are usually automatic bids for the Hall of Fame. Griffey Jr. made his debut in 1989 where he hit a mere 16 homeruns. He was by no means a power hitter, although compared to his father, he was a modern day Harmon Killebrew. He soon made a name for himself by having the sweetest swing in the game. He would prove it to the world night after night. After setting his 28 year-old eyes on Hank Aaron, he was traded from Seattle to Cincinnati where he began an injury-plagued career with the Reds. He ended the 2000 season, his twelfth in the big leagues at the age of 30 with 438 round-trippers he was well on his way to making Aaron's record his own. Turn the clock ahead four years, add a lowly 43 homers to his total and you have one of the best stories of the summer. Griffey Jr. began the year just as he always had, with an injury in spring training. He bounced back quickly and began his chase for 500 with long-ball after long-ball. On June 20, he clubbed the magical moon-shot. He now has 501 homeruns. Griffey is most likely a Hall of Famer-to-be. However, if

he keeps landing himself on the disabled list, 600 may be his ticket into the Hall. If that is indeed the case, he may need to play until he is about 50 years-old. Considering those beaten up legs, he

will need to hit the ball 400 feet in order to score. Not even in his prime could Griffey Jr. beat the throw to home while sitting in a wheel chair.

3. The N.Y. Mets have been by far the worst thing that I have seen this summer. In the matter of a couple months, the Mets went from division contenders to a team that not even the Met fans can smile about. It is as if this happens every

year for Met fans. The management builds the team up to be the best one since the teams of '86, '88 or '00. Then around June or July, just when everyone is getting into a ridiculously early case of pennant fever, the team falls apart. I do not believe they have gone more than three games without an error this season. The highly explosive offensive and solid defensive shortstop Kaz Matsui leads the league in one thing and one thing only; errors. Tom

Glavine and Al Leiter have been tremendous this year, with a combined record of 18-17 with a 3.13 era. The Mets do not score any runs for those two pitchers. It is almost impossible for me to watch a game this

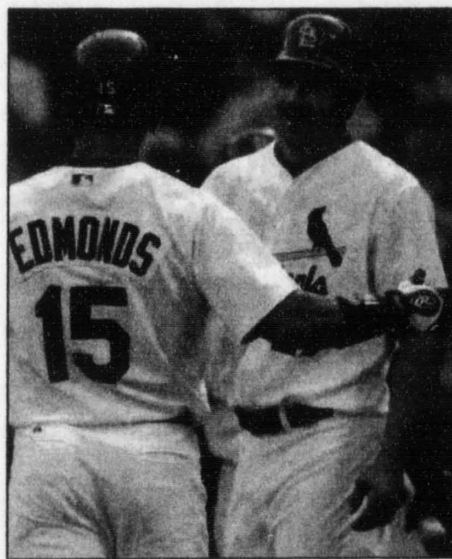


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Jim Edmonds (left) and Scott Rolen (right) are two major components of the Cardinals Success

year without getting disgusted and turning on a rerun of "Seinfeld." One person makes this season almost worth watching for me; David Wright. This home-grown kid is going to be very good, providing he can stay healthy. For those who do not follow the Mets, staying healthy is the hardest thing to do for a young star. If you think I am kidding, just ask Jose Reyes. As former Sports Editor Greg Pellegrino proclaims every year; "Believe 2005." I'm starting it now because just like every season as of late, theirs ended in June.

2. The renewal of the baseball feel the Cardinals have brought to St. Louis is incredible. It has always been a great baseball city, so it's about time they had a great team. 1985 is far too long of a drought for that city to have a championship threat. Sorry Boston and Chicago fans. This Cardinal team is very special. St. Louis leads the National League with a .278 avg. Not only can they hit, but they can hit for power. They trail only the Cubs in the NL by hitting 188 homeruns.

They have the most potent lineup I have seen in the National League since the 1993 Atlanta Braves who won 103 games with Terry Pendleton, Ron Gant, David Justice and Fred McGriff. With the recent addition of Larry Walker, this team is a pitchers worst nightmare. Once you get past a crafty lead-off man in Tony Womack, the fun begins with Larry Walker. He is followed by a trio who has hit a combined 115 homeruns in the likes of Albert Pujols (43), Jim

Edmonds (40) and Scott Rolen (32). If you think Edmonds was the last of your worries, think again, a sixth straight hitter with a .300 average, Edgar Renteria follows him. But that's not all they can do. The Cardinals pitching staff has an era of 3.67. If you are an opposing team, there is a good chance that all Cards dealt on the mound will be

aces as they are equipped with four 14-game winners. The Cardinals can also catch the baseball. With Renteria, Edmonds, catcher Mike Matheny, Rolen and Walker in the field, five out of eight targets playing defense have Golden Gloves displayed proudly, just to let the opposition know that they are in for a total headache. This is the one team that I believe can and will beat the Yankees in the World Series in 2004.

1. We all remember the number one; professional sports ultimate underdogs, the Detroit Pistons. This was by far the most impressive story of the summer. It did not matter which team came out of the Eastern Conference to battle for the Championship, they would be the

underdogs. No team from the Western Conference was supposed to lose in the finals. The Lakers were the heavy favorite in the playoffs. It just so happened that the third seeded Pistons were up for the challenge. As they embarrassed the top-seeded Indiana Pacers in what seemed like an NCAA tournament the way the scores looked, they were ready to take on the Western Conference champions. The Lakers eventually knocked the Wolves out of the playoffs and were going for their fourth title under Coach Phil Jackson, who was 9-0 in the NBA finals as a Head Coach. A small minority of people believed that Larry Brown's Pistons could take this trophy away from the Lakers. I watched each game as if it were game seven because that is how Detroit played. I do not remember a more stunning upset than the one the Pistons gave us the pleasure of viewing. The best part of the finals was easy to choose. No, it was not Ben's afro. It was the dismantling of the Los Angeles Dynasty. Last years "Fab Four" was Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal, Gary Payton and Karl Malone. Once they were deemed the big losers, they all went their separate ways. Kobe went back to court. Shaq ran off to Miami. Gary was traded to Boston. Without the duo of O'Neal and Bryant, Malone must begin to realize that the closest thing he will get to his own championship ring will be if and when Ricky Williams runs out of money for his medicinal habits.

There you have it. Thank you for letting me waste your time with

my top-10 list of summer highlights. There were obviously some big stories left off of the list. I would have loved to include everything, but there is only so much room in this publication, which is why this particular piece is featured in two different parts.

Remember these words ladies and gentleman, for they will take you far. "Skippy hop hop."



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The Detroit Pistons shocked the world in the summer of 2004.

Field hockey takes tough loss at the hands of Kutztown

By CHAD LANDERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

For Mansfield University field hockey Head Coach Diane Monkkiewicz, the 2004 season is a case of good news/bad news. The good news for the Mountaineers is almost everyone from last year has returned to play, including five seniors. However, the bad news is that the STX/NFHCA Division II All-American and All-PSAC goalie Heather Long has graduated.

For the first time in four years the Mounties will be without Long in goal. Long broke the NCAA Division II record for saves in a season with 341 in 2003 as well as set the NCAA Division II record for career saves with 860.

"What a great honor for a truly deserving athlete," Monkkiewicz said. "Heather has been an outstanding goalie for us for the past four years and has always been considered one of the top players in the country. I'm so happy for her that in a year she shattered national records and is getting the recognition she deserves."

Not only did Long obtain a record-breaking amount of saves, but she was also a leader on a team of which she was the only senior.

Sophomore Shannon Brim is now the favorite for the starting spot in goal after backing up Long in 2003. In limited playing time last season, Brim recorded five saves. After taking a year off from field hockey, junior Katie Heil will compete with Brim for the starting goalie position. Sophomore Briana Strobe adds more depth for

the Mounties in goal this year.

Aside from new faces starting in goal for the Mounties, some familiar faces return to fill out the rest of the Mountaineer lineup. Seniors Marci Lippert, Ashley Celaschi, Chelsea Phillips, Kristen Campbell, and Marci Fureman all return to anchor one of the most senior-heavy teams in recent years. Lippert and Celaschi will start at midfield for the Mounties. Both team captains, along with Phillips, will attempt to play aggressive and keep feeding the ball up to an explosive offensive front-line as much as possible.

The five seniors for the Mounties have played together for all four seasons and know that this year is their year to lead. "Now that we're seniors, we feel more responsible for the team's success and failure," Phillips said. "We're in charge of making things work and making sure everyone works together. We have a very good offense this year and our ability to put the ball in the cage this year is as strong as it has ever been. We are very capable of being more of an offensive threat to opponents."

At forward is one of the best offenses the Mounties have seen for some time. The Mounties gladly welcome back the team's top two leading goal scorers from 2003, Campbell and sophomore stand-out Alissa Gallagher. Each playing in every game but one last year, Campbell and Gallagher were constant sources of scoring

for the Mounties, combining for 15 of the team's 24 goals. Add freshmen Keely Jarrett and RYANNE Higgins, and the Mounties now sport a very potent offense that will look to cause a lot of trouble for opposing goalkeepers. Sophomore Angela Hamill will challenge the offensive Mountie players for playing time as well as a fresh set of legs.

Attempting to aid Brim on defense this year will be junior Amanda Bliss, who returns after playing with the Mounties in her freshman year. Bliss is joined on defense by junior Holly Frederickson and Fureman. Also adding depth on defense is junior Ashley Meta, sophomore Jess Wieder, sophomore Nicole Dann, and freshman Elizabeth Humphreys.

The Mounties finished 2003 with a 5-15 overall record and a 4-13 Conference record. They look to improve their results in 2004.

The start to the 2004 season for the Mounties has been rough as they've already played against some tough competition. The Mounties lost three games during a three-day weekend marathon. Stonehill College defeated the Mounties on Aug. 27, 9-0 and Bryant College did the same on August 28, with Gallagher scoring the only goal for the Mountaineers in the 7-1 loss. The third and final game of the Mountaineers New England trip saw Campbell score twice in a losing effort against the University of Massachusetts-Lowell, 8-2 on Aug. 29.

"All three of those teams we played made it to the Final Four last year," Phillips said. "They were very good and played at a high level of skill. After those three games, Coach prepared us even harder, both physically and mentally, for the rest of the season."

On Sept. 4, the Mounties kicked off their home opener at Spaulding Field against the Golden Bears of Kutztown University. Within the first seven minutes, the Mounties grabbed the lead on an unassisted Gallagher goal. The Mounties built their lead as Higgins netted a goal of her own only ten minutes later. Before halftime, Kutztown's Colleen Healey assisted Lauren Blain to cut the Mountie lead to 2-1. Continuing the momentum in the second half, the Golden Bears received goals from Laura Belfdatti and Mandi Turner, taking the lead 3-2. The Mounties fought back hard and evened the game up at 3-3 on a Jarrett goal with only four minutes left in the game. Only minutes later, the Golden Bears would take the lead for good, 4-3, and hand the Mountaineers their fourth



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Alissa Gallagher (right) is one of Mansfield University's primary scoring threats. The sophomore had seven of the team's 24 goals last season. Gallagher knocked in a goal in the Mansfield loss to Kutztown on Saturday.

straight loss of the season while collecting their third straight win of the season. Brim faced 19 shots in as the Golden Bears outshot the Mounties, 36-4.

"Playing at home helped our confidence level a lot," Phillips said. "Not only did we prepare harder, but we were more familiar with Kutztown and knew their style of play. It was disappointing to lose, scoring first and often was positive for us though. Our heads are up now, and despite losing, we are looking forward to the rest of the season."

The Mountaineers travel to Slippery Rock University on Sept. 8 in search of their first win of the season. Mansfield beat Slippery Rock University twice last year, as Gallagher scored a combined five goals for the Mountaineers.

This Week in Mountie Sports

	Wednesday 9/8	Thursday 9/9	Friday 9/10	Saturday 9/11	Sunday 9/12	Monday 9/13	Tuesday 9/14
Cross Country							
Field Hockey	Slippery Rock 4 p.m. Away						Shippensburg 4 p.m. Away
Football				Clarion 1 p.m.			
Soccer	Edinboro 4 p.m. Away			Bloomsburg 1:30 p.m.			Kutztown 4 p.m. Away

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Mansfield sees zero's from both ends of the soccer field

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

August 30, 2002 marked history for Mansfield University athletics, playing its first ever women's soccer game. Freshman Megan Colbey scored the Mountaineers only goal in a 3-1 loss against Juniata College. That year, the Mounties finished with a 2-11 record, scoring 17 goals. Two years later, the Mansfield is playing like an experienced team and not as though it's only their third full season of competition.

Two years later, almost to the day on Aug. 29, 2004, it's a pair of freshmen leading the Mounties to victory again, this time over Daemen College, 2-0. After heading into halftime scoreless, the Mountaineers came out firing in the second half as freshman Anita Valerio headed a corner kick from Colbey into the back of the net for the first goal of the season and her collegiate career. Eight minutes later, freshman Colleen Corcoran scored on a breakaway at 67:00 to make

the score 2-0. Sophomore Nicole Rodweller made seven saves to record her first shutout of the year.

Mansfield Head Coach Tim Dempsey was very pleased with his team's start to the new season. "I think we played well as a team for our first game of the year," Dempsey said. "I was especially pleased with the way our freshmen handled themselves in their first collegiate game."

On Sept. 1, the Mountaineers traveled to Juniata College and recorded their second win of the season, as well as their second shutout in 2004. Just like the first game for Mansfield, Valerio got the scoring started 20 minutes into the game. Twenty minutes later, Corcoran answered with an unassisted goal to increase the lead to 2-0. Minutes before the end of the first half, Colbey netted her first goal of the season on a penalty kick and stretched the lead out to 3-0 when the whistle for halftime blew.

In the second half both teams fought hard to gain possession of the ball, and it was Corcoran scoring for the second time in the game, boosting the lead to 4-0, where it would stand at the end of regulation.

"We did so many good things out there today, both offensively and defensively," Dempsey said. "Our freshmen continue to play well and we put a lot of offensive pressure on them for the entire game."

In the Mansfield goal was junior Julie Miller, whom recorded her first shutout of the season on only five shots on goal. With the victory, the Mountaineers improved to 2-0, which marks the best start in the program's short history.

Fresh off their best start ever, the Mountaineers took their 2-0 record on the road to Indiana University of Pennsylvania. In a game that featured a lot of shot attempts for IUP, 23, Mansfield suffered their first loss of the season 6-0. Rodweller faced 23 shots on goal and made 14 saves.

IUP scored four times in the

first half to jump out to a commanding 4-0 lead at half-time. Goals were scored by Falce at 12:00, Heder twice 26:00 and again at 29:00, and Weir scored at 31:00 to end the scoring for IUP in the first half. The Mountaineers continued to fight hard in the second half and held IUP scoreless until late in the second half when

Hogg scored to increase the IUP lead to 5-0 72:00 minute. With only 10 minutes left to play, IUP scored their sixth and final goal when Thomas netted her first goal of the game.

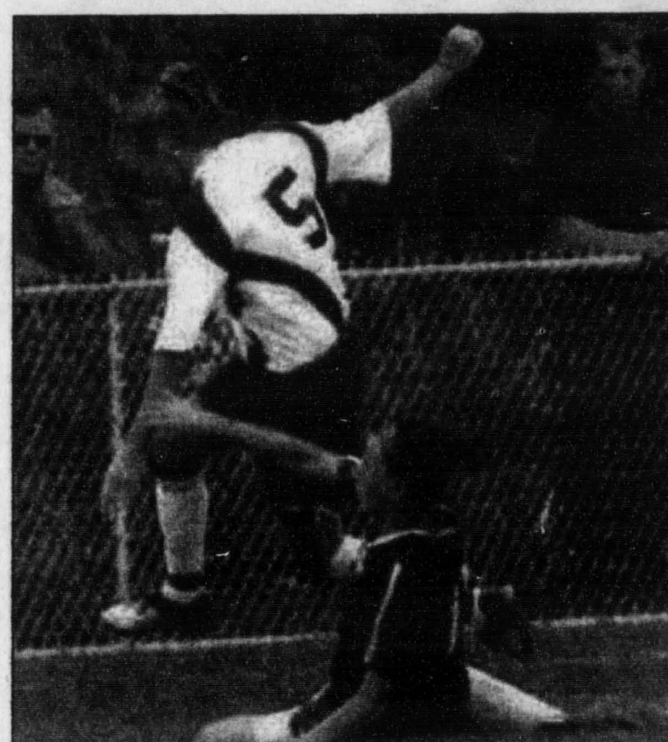


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Colleen Corcoran, a Mansfield University forward, is one of seven freshman players on the soccer team this fall. The Mountaineers lost 6-0 to IUP.

With the loss, the Mansfield falls to 2-1 overall. The Mountaineers will try to improve on their record as will play Edinboro at 4 p.m. Sept. 8 at Edinboro.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
E. Stroudsburg	0-0	2-0	1.000	IUP	0-0	2-0	1.000
Bloomsburg	0-0	1-0	1.000	Shippensburg	0-0	2-0	1.000
Kutztown	0-0	1-1	.500	California	0-0	1-0	1.000
Millersville	0-0	1-1	.500	Lock Haven	0-0	1-1	.500
West Chester	0-0	1-1	.500	Edinboro	0-0	0-1	.000
Cheney	0-0	0-2	.000	Clarion	0-0	0-2	.000
Mansfield	0-0	0-2	.000	Slippery Rock	0-0	0-2	.000

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Learn, Cummings win Brockport's Cross Country Kick-Off Classic

Charity Learn (Troy) and Chris Cummings (Mansfield/Mansfield) won the women's and men's competition at the 9th Annual Brockport's Cross Country Kick-Off Classic Saturday morning.

Learn ran away from the field of 76 with a winning time of 15:24. She was 29 seconds ahead of second place finisher Candace Souberg of Brockport. Freshman Erin Salley had a strong showing in her first collegiate race finishing 12th with a time of 16:55. Robyn Ireland was 19th at 17:09.

Cummings took top honors on the men's side outkicking the leaders over the final 200 yards with a time of 19:40 over the 6k course.

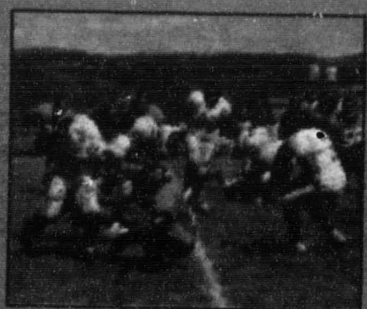
The Mansfield women finished fifth with the men coming in eighth.

Picks of the Week

Week 1

	Mike Peters	Sarah Stoerner	Mike Pastore	Chad Landers	Jonathan Schwab
Colts @ Patriots	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)	(0-0)
Bucs @ Redskins	Colts	Patriots	Patriots	Colts	Patriots
Raiders @ Steelers	Bucs	Bucs	Bucs	Redskins	Redskins
Seahawks @ Saints	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Chargers @ Texans	Seahawks	Saints	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Lions @ Bears	Texans	Texans	Chargers	Chargers	Texans
Cardinals @ Rams	Lions	Bears	Lions	Lions	Lions
Bengals @ Jets	Cardinals	Cardinals	Rams	Rams	Rams
Titans @ Dolphins	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Bengals
Ravens @ Browns	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans	Titans
Jaguars @ Buffalo	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
Falcons @ 49ers	Bills	Jaguars	Bills	Jaguars	Jaguars
Giants @ Eagles	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons
Cowboys @ Vikings	Eagles	Giants	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Chiefs @ Broncos	Vikings	Cowboys	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
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Mansfield University football team remains winless after two disappointing losses

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team got off to a rough start to open the 2004 season. The Mounties fell in their season opener to California University of Pennsylvania 63-6 on Aug. 28 and followed that up with a 27-14 defeat at the hands of West Virginia Wesleyan on Sept. 4.

Mansfield came into the 2004 campaign with high hopes. They returned 17 starters from a team that went 8-3 and broke numerous school records last season. Yet when the season began on a steamy afternoon in western Pennsylvania, the negatives were clearer. The losses of All-American linebacker Dan Holland, four-year starting quarterback Travis Motley and Head Coach Chris Woods, as well as a coaching staff that had been almost completely pieced together in the previous month, proved to be apparent.

The California game started off on a tremendous note for the Mounties. The Vulcans received the opening kickoff and were stopped on three plays by the Mountaineers. The ensuing punt by Rusty Springer was blocked by senior defensive lineman Jason Twedt. He returned 11 yards for a touchdown by sophomore line-backer William Clarke. The extra

point was blocked, but Mansfield held their first lead of the season only 1:05 into the game at 6-0.

After the initial score, it was a long afternoon for the Mounties. California answered right back with a score of their own, as Quarterback Joe Ruggiero found the end zone on a 15-yard run to give the Vulcans a 7-6 lead. California rolled from there as they scored 21 more points in the quarter, highlighted by a 59-yard touchdown run by tailback Antoine Bagwell, to end the first with a 28-6 lead.

California added to their advantage with 21 more second quarter points while their defense kept the Mounties at bay. The Vulcans extended their lead to 35-6 when Ruggiero found Claude Whitaker down the left sideline for a 73-yard hookup. After Ruggiero found Garvin Graves for a 10-yard touchdown to make the score 42-6. The Vulcans ended the half with a Hail Mary completion, as Ruggiero found Graves for a 35-yard touchdown connection to push the California lead to 49-6 at the break.

California's first team offense scored on their last drive of the game. Ruggiero found Graves for the third time, this time from 29 yards away to give the Vulcans a 56-6 lead.

Adding injury to insult, Mansfield backup quarterback Terry Kelly, a transfer from 1-AA Delaware, suf-

fered a shoulder injury in the third quarter. He is not expected to play again this season.

Cal finished the scoring early in the fourth quarter, when backup quarterback Matt Humbert found Leroi Johnson for a five-yard touchdown pass.

The Mansfield offense was unable to get going at all. Preseason All-American Earnest McNeal gained 33 yards on 20 carries. Quarterbacks David Fetzer and Kelly combined to go five for 15 for 27 yards and an interception. The Mounties mustered only four first downs and 64 yards of total offense.

Ruggiero led the Vulcans, going 22 of 28 for 385 yards and five touchdowns.

Bagwell rushed for 140 yards and two touchdowns on 12 carries. Graves returned to his form of two years ago when he caught 70 balls. He caught 8 passes for 159 yards and 3 touchdowns.

Mansfield Head Coach Jim Shiffer, in his first game at the helm for the Mounties, was thoroughly surprised by the way the game unfolded. "We certainly didn't expect this to happen," Shiffer said. "Hopefully we learned a lot from this experience and will use it to motivate all of us."

Mansfield hoped they would be able to bounce back in the 2004 home opener and fourth annual Josh Palmer Pigskin Classic against two-time defending West Virginia Intercollegiate Athletic Conference champions West Virginia Wesleyan.

After forcing the opening WVW drive to stall, the Mounties watched the Bobcats miss a field goal. Mansfield's offense picked up a first down, but then Fetzer was picked off by West Virginia Wesleyan linebacker Alan Krutulis.

Two plays later, WVW running back, T. R. Dues stormed past the goal line for a 13-yard score to put WVW up 7-0.

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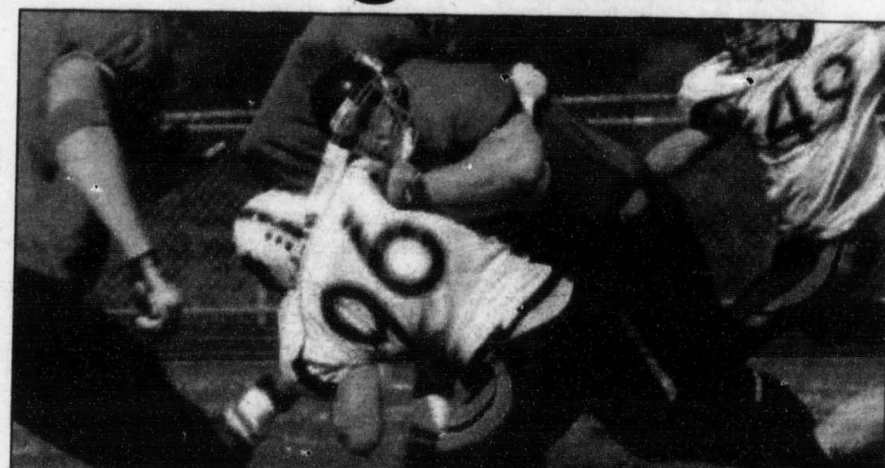


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After leading West Virginia Wesleyan 14-7 with less than one minute remaining in the first half, the Mountaineers fell behind 27-14 for the loss.

with their first two offensive touchdowns of the season. Following a big kickoff return by defensive back Ronnie Montgomery, the Mounties drove for a score. Fetzer hit senior wide receiver Joe Bennett with a 13-yard touchdown pass. After stopping the Bobcats on three plays, the Mounties again drove down the field, culminating in a three-yard Earnest McNeal touchdown plunge to give the Mounties a 14-7 lead early in the second quarter.

The Mounties appeared primed to take the lead into halftime but Fetzer fumbled a snap with under a minute left and the Bobcats recovered. It took two plays for Dues to once again find the end zone, this time from eight yards away and the game was tied at 14 at halftime.

The only scoring of the third quarter came off another Mansfield turnover. Fetzer was again intercepted by Krutulis, who returned the ball deep into Mansfield territory. Max Williams rumbled in from a yard out to give WVW a 21-14 lead. The Bobcats delivered the dagger midway through the fourth, when Fetzer was picked off by Anthony Collins, who took the pick back 20 yards for six points. The extra point was missed, but West Virginia Wesleyan led 27-14.

The Mounties received a glimmer

Bobcats quarterback Marc Kimes pass and took it back to the WVW 29. Matt Hildebrand replaced Fetzer but was able to muster only one first down. The Bobcats got the ball back and ran the clock out to drop the Mounties to 0-2.

McNeal rushed for 109 yards and recorded one touchdown for the Mounties. The two quarterbacks combined to go five of 18 for 40 yards and three interceptions. Mansfield held West Virginia Wesleyan to 249 yards of total offense. The Mountaineers were haunted by four turnovers that led to all 27 West Virginia Wesleyan points. Dues led the Bobcats with 79 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Coach Shiffer cited the turnovers as his team's downfall. "It's a tough way to lose," Shiffer said. "We did a lot of things right on both sides of the ball this afternoon, but the turnovers were just something we could not overcome. I will give a lot of credit to our defense. They played hard and really got us out of a couple of jams."

Mansfield's next game will begin a series of tests, as the Mounties round out the season with eight consecutive PSAC opponents.

The first of those eight opponents will be Clarion. The game is at 1 p. m. on Sept. 11 at Karl Van Norman Field.

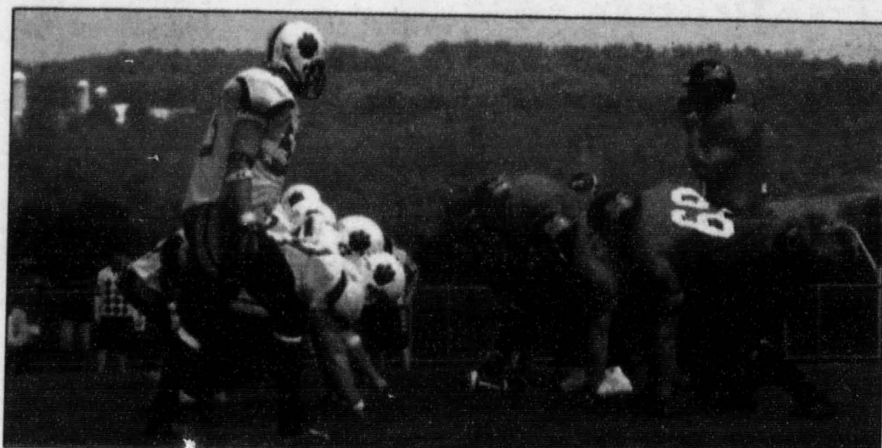


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Quarterback, Dave Fetzer threw three completion for 35 yards and a touchdown. He was intercepted three times in the Mansfield defeat.

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Respected leader lectures students

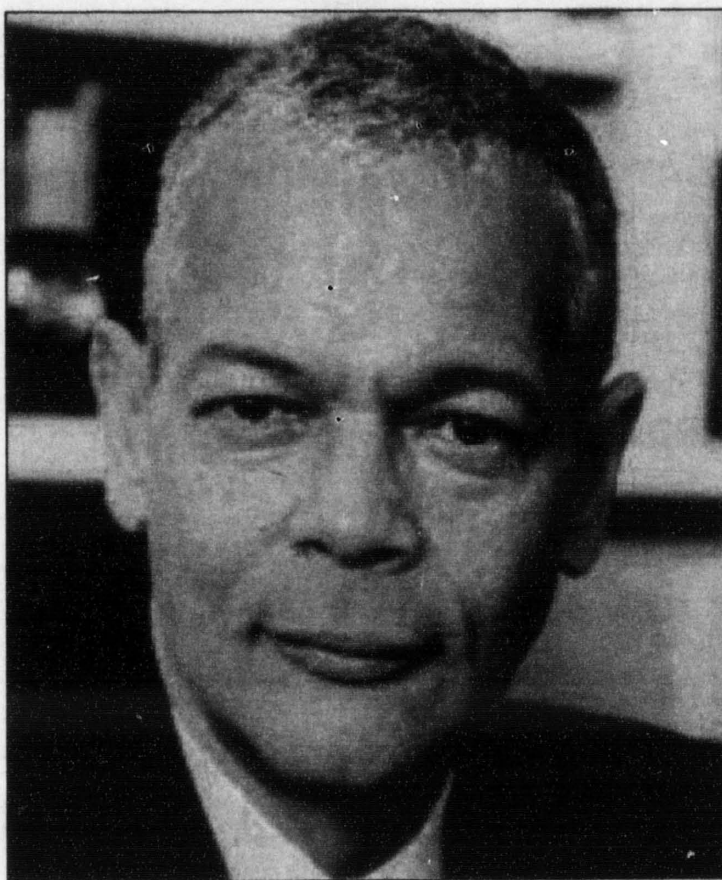


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By SARAH STOERMER
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Julian Bond, a fore-runner of civil rights and economic justice, plans to give a lecture in Mansfield University's Straughn Hall, at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 29.

Bond is chair of the National association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). He has served in this position since 1998. The NAACP is the oldest and largest civil rights organization in the United States.

In addition to his position at the NAACP, Bond is a professor of history at the University of Virginia in Charlottesville. He is also a honorary professor at American University in Washington, D.C. He is also a holder of 21 honorary degrees.

Bond is a commentator on America's Black Forum, the oldest black-owned show in television syndication. Bond's poetry and articles have appeared in numerous publications. He has narrated numerous documentaries, including the Academy Award winning *A Time For Justice* and the prize-winning and critically acclaimed series *Eyes On The Prize*.

In 1960, Bond began his career as a student at Morehouse College. He founded the Atlanta student sit-in and anti-segregation organization, and the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

Bond was elected to the Georgia House of Representatives in 1965. However, he was prevented from taking his seat by members who objected to his active opposition to the Vietnam War. He was seated after two more elections and a unanimous decision by the U.S. Supreme Court.

Bond was nominated for Vice-President in 1968. He had to turn it down because he was too young.

"Julian Bond visited Mansfield University in 1976 and we're extremely pleased, almost two decades later, to have him back on campus," said Mansfield University President John Halstead. "Ironically, back in 1968 when Dr. Bond was nominated for Vice President of the U.S. and had to turn it down because he was too young for the statutory requirements, I was then a young college student. Since that time, Dr. Bond has become the personification of courage and persistence. His visit will provide an excellent opportunity for our students to hear a person who has made a lasting impact on people's lives and American history itself."

Tickets to Bond's lecture are \$10. They will be sold at the door. His address will be preceded by a dinner in Manser North Dining Room. For information on tickets to the dinner call 570-662-4292.

Bond's visit is sponsored by the Mansfield University Foundation and the Frederick Douglass Institute at MU.

Students gather to honor those lost in the Iraqi War and 9-11

By Nathan Herring
Special to The Flashlight

The death count of U.S. soldiers reached one thousand on Sept 8, 2004. There have been over 1,100 U.S. and allied soldiers killed and over 6,900 wounded in the Iraqi War. Approximately 10,000-14,000 Iraqi soldiers and civilians have also been killed or wounded. As an act of remembrance, Moveon, a national political organization, has called for vigils to be held around the country.

On Thursday Sept. 9, over nine hundred vigils remembering the soldiers that were killed in Iraq, as well

as those currently serving, were held throughout the nation.

Betsy Brune, Director of Grants Development at Mansfield University, helped organize a vigil for the Mansfield University Community.

Brune is involved with a community organization known as the Tioga County Alliance for Democracy. This organization has been involved with holding vigils before and during the war in Iraq, as well as promoting peace through community involvement.

At approximately 7:30 p.m. last Thursday, students, faculty, and sup-

porters assembled on the South Hall Mall in preparation to walk downtown to meet with another group of supporters. Holding pro-peace signs, flags, and candles, a group of about 25 supporters had gathered in downtown Mansfield.

While there, they sang songs and lit candles in an effort to support American troops in Iraq, to remember the soldiers who gave their lives and to promote peace around the world.

Many of the people present had personal reasons for attending the vigil.

"I am here to acknowledge all the people living, dying, and suffering while the war is occurring and to support the troops in a war that I feel has an unjust cause," Brune said.

Many others that were attending the vigil had family and friends that were serving in the armed forces or have died defending the country.

Whether supporting family members serving the country, promoting peace, protesting war, or mourning the deaths of soldiers and civilians killed in the Iraqi War, everyone present had a reason to attend.

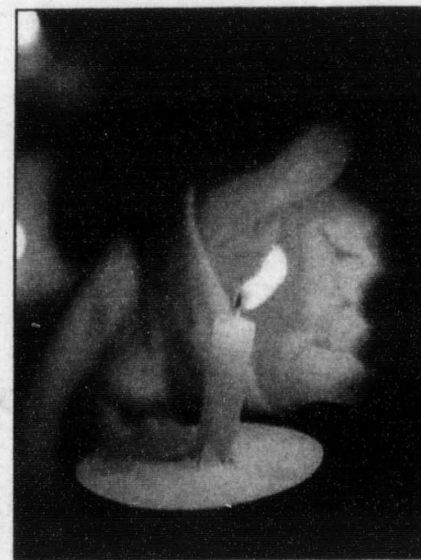


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Today's Weather



Showers with a
30% chance of
precipitation.

High: 71° Low: 69°

Information taken from weather.com

Info-to-Go

Campus Bulletin Board

★The Admissions staff is currently seeking friendly, enthusiastic students to conduct campus tours. For more information, call Tam Soderberg at 662-4814. Training will be provided. Students interested in conduction tours must be available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

★The College Republicans will be meeting Tuesdays at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome to attend and discuss the fight to re-elect Pres. George W. Bush. Refreshments will be served. For more information contact Pat Gillette at gillettp@mnsfld.edu.

★WNTE-FM invites you to join the crew. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 317 A.H.U.B. All majors are welcome.

★Auditions for a new play by MU Alum Sarah Alden, The Misty Recollections, will be held Mon. and Tues. @ 6p.m. in Straugn. For more info. call Dr. Longoria at x4784.

News in a flash: Regional News

By LIZ WELSHANS and
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CORNING, N.Y. - Flash flooding caused eight families from Steuben County to seek assistance from the Greater Steuben Chapter of the American Red Cross. The Red Cross unit is not only helping in their region but they also sent fives members to Florida to help with victims there.

JERSEY SHORE, Pa. - There was yet another deadly crash on 220 earlier last week. Motorist Brian Hovey, 31, lost control of his 1999 Mercury Grand Prix. He slammed into the back of a stopped truck and slid and hit a second truck. This was the second deadly accident in a 10-hour period.

TIOGA COUNTY, Pa. - Jeffery Lloyd, 55, of Cuba, N.Y. crashed his motorcycle and suffered serious injuries Saturday. He drove off the road and hit a guardrail after losing control of his Kawasaki motorcycle around a left-hand turn on Route 6. Lloyd was wearing a helmet.

TIOGA COUNTY, Pa. - Hurricane Ivan is expected to

arrive in the Twin Tiers this Friday. National Weather Service Meteorologist Michael Cempa said that even though rainy weather is expected, an accurate prediction cannot be made until the middle of this week. There is a 30 percent chance of showers Thursday and 40 percent chance of rain Friday.

ELMIRA, N.Y. - Police officers remain stationed in two city schools due to a state grant for student protection. The resource officer program was organized last year and budgeted as a \$160,000 expense. These funds will permit two full-time officers at Ernie Davis Middle School and Elmira Free Academy.

LYCOMING COUNTY, Pa. - Stephen A. Debrody, 42, of 918 Diamond St. waived his preliminary hearing on charges related to terroristic threats and disorderly conduct with police. He allegedly kept police at bay for several hours in his Newberry apartment on Aug. 30. Debrody was returned to the County Prison after being seen briefly by District Justice James G. Carn.

Information taken from
www.star-gazette.com and
www.sun-gazette.com

Weekly Weather

TODAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 71° Low: 69°

THURSDAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 78° Low: 55°

SUNDAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 72° Low: 59°

FRIDAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 68° Low: 52°

MONDAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 74° Low: 54°

SATURDAY



Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 68° Low: 56°

TUESDAY



Partly Cloudy with 0% chance of precipitation.

High: 72° Low: 54°

Information taken from www.weather.com

POLICE BEAT

August 30, 2004-UNDERAGE DRINKING- Brian Adair, 19; Jefferey Gorham, 19 and Jared Cisar, 19, were charged with purchase, consumption, possession and Transportation of Liquor or Malt or Brewed Beverages.

September 2, 2004- UNDERAGE DRINKING- Jordan Champion, 18, was issued a citation for underage consumption while intoxicated in a residence hall.

September 5, 2004- UNDERAGE DRINKING- Thomas Clattenburg, 20, was cited and judicially referred for underage consumption.

If you have any information regarding these cases, please contact University Police at 662-4900. **



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George W. Bush:

Republican Nominee for President

President Bush's initial election — because of the controversy related to the Florida recount and the fact that Al Gore won more total votes nationwide than did Bush (but still lost due to the Electoral College process). A sluggish economy during much of his first term would have also weakened most Presidents (as it did to his father in 1991-92).

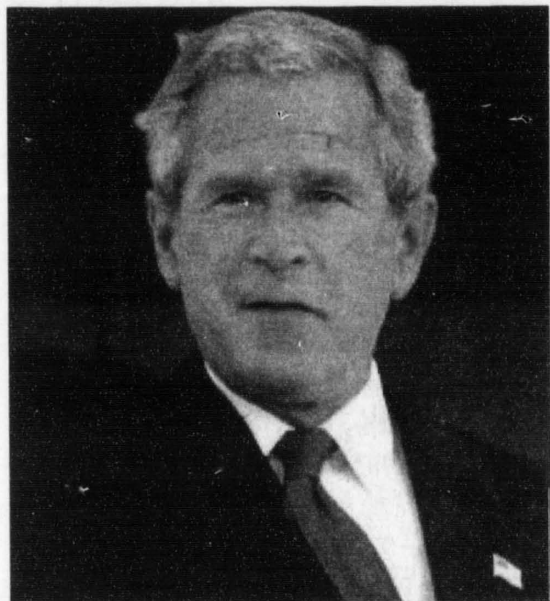


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However, the President's strong leadership in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the quick, decisive military win in Afghanistan toppling the Taliban warlords — coupled with his generally affable demeanor — sent Bush's poll numbers sky high. The ongoing economic woes caused Bush's numbers to drop in 2002-03 — but his numbers remained fairly strong and the GOP did well in the 2002 mid-term elections. The rapid military victory in Iraq against Hussein's armed forces in spring 2003 pushed Bush's numbers back into the high approval range. Yet, the failure to find the weapons of mass destruction (the given justification for the preemptive attack) and the continuing series of guerrilla attacks against American soldiers in Iraq again caused Bush's numbers to soften somewhat. Also, the failure to actually capture and/or kill Osama bin Laden also somewhat weakens the perceived "victories" from

those two operations. Former Presidential rival and former US Senate Intelligence Committee Chairman Bob Graham, for instance, claims that the Iraq campaign seriously under-minded and diverted resources away from our necessary campaign against the al Qaeda group and global terrorism. Bush, conversely, maintains we are winning the war on terrorism — on top of winning in Iraq and Afghanistan. The economy continues to recover at a decent pace by official account, but it appears to be what economists are describing as an unprecedented "jobless" recovery (i.e., hundreds of thousands of loss jobs are not being refilled during this recovery). Look for the Democrats to pound away on the jobs issue, along with Iraq, foreign policy and security concerns. Democrats are also likely to spend time talking about the budget and deficits — as federal spending under Bush shot up nearly 24% (the fastest rate in over a decade). Even GOP US Senator John McCain attacked the Bush Administration in January 2004 for "spending money like a drunken sailor" (note: although McCain warmly praises Bush's foreign policy actions). Likewise, many other fiscal conservatives also have major concerns over that trend. As for campaign dollars, Bush's campaign raised an astounding \$120 million as of the end of 2003 — breaking the record amount he raised during the same time in the 2000 race. For Bush to defeat John Kerry, he'll need to give the public confidence in our ongoing operations in Iraq and in his ability to continue reviving our economy here at home. Bush is likely to focus much of his campaign message on the post-9/11 War on Terror, national security, and his work as Commander in Chief. The sharp criticism of Bush on terrorism from former Bush Administration insiders Paul O'Neill and Richard Clarke could undermine Bush's key message. Other Bush insiders say O'Neill and Clarke are disgruntled and/or mistaken.

Information provided by the Mansfield College Democrats and

<http://www.politics1.com/bush.htm>

John Kerry:

Democratic Nominee for President

John Kerry has been a national political figure since ever since he swept Super Tuesday — as a Yale-educated, decorated combat veteran — he was one of the organizers of Vietnam Veterans Against the War in 1971 "How do you ask a man to be the last to die for a mistake?" he asked in his memorable Congressional testimony. He ran for Congress in 1972, but lost. Following the defeat, he went to law school, worked as a prosecutor, and was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1982 (as Mike Dukakis' runningmate). In 1984, he won the race for US Senator. Generally a solid liberal, Kerry also supports free trade. On military issues, Kerry supported bombing Bosnia in 1999 and the War on Terrorism. He opposed the constitutional amendment to prohibit flag burning. Working with John McCain, he worked to normalize relations with Vietnam in

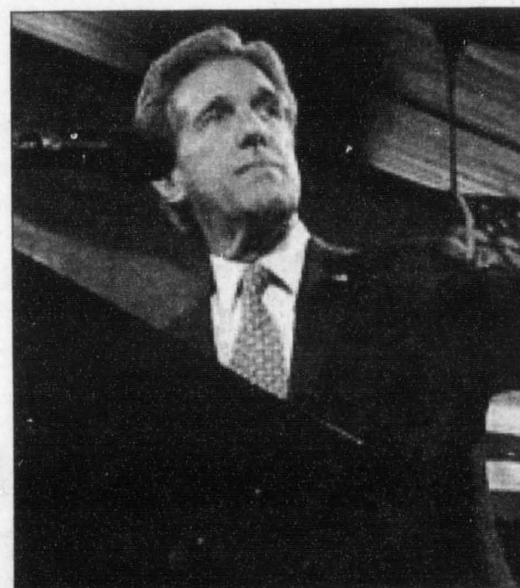


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the 1990s. He has supported some education reforms opposed by the teacher unions (like ending tenure and allowing lateral entry into teaching). He also supported some direct federal grants for faith-based charities. Kerry favored Permanent Normal Trade Relations with China and led the floor fight against the amendment that would have required US review of China's human rights practices. He also sponsored a bill to commit \$100 million yearly to a fund to fight the spread of AIDS in Africa. The National Journal analyzed Kerry's 2000-2004 voting record and

deemed him to be the single most liberal member of the US Senate. In 1995, he married Teresa Heinz (widow of GOP Senator John Heinz of Pennsylvania), who inherited his ketchup business fortune of more than \$600 million. That now makes Kerry the richest member of Congress with \$675 million. (Note: he repeatedly says he will not spend it on this campaign — "It's my wife's money, not mine" — and, legally, he's correct in that he cannot unless it was a "joint asset" before he launched the campaign). Kerry flirted with making a run for President against Al Gore in 2000. Kerry made the list of Gore VP runningmates in 2000. Kerry started as the early favorite for the 2004 Democratic nomination, only to see himself be eclipsed by populist Howard Dean. By late 2003, Kerry's candidacy was wrongly declared "dead" by most pundits. Dean's campaign frequently referred to Kerry as "The Anointed One" — and Dean passed Kerry in national and key state polls. In an effort to revive his candidacy, Kerry fired his campaign manager in November 2003. He also announced that — like Dean — he opted out of accepting federal matching funds in exchange for having no spending limits. He spent \$850,000 of his personal money into the campaign in December 2003. Kerry diverted nearly all his financial and staff resources into the state in the crucial two weeks before the January contest. The win in Iowa brought his campaign back from the dead and restored him to his frontrunner status. Kerry also seemed to rediscover his political message there and won a convincing victory. By March 2, Kerry had secured the nomination, eliminating Dean, Wesley Clark, John Edwards, and Joe Lieberman from the race. Since then, the party has solidly united behind Kerry. On July 6, Kerry selected former rival John Edwards as his VP runningmate.

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What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer

NATIONAL NEWS

COLUMBUS, Ohio - Ten people were killed as a suspected arson fire ripped through an apartment complex in downtown Columbus. Others were forced to escape by jumping out of a third story window. At least fifty-three people were left homeless after the fire destroyed the roof, and left just a wooden skeleton exposed.

NEW YORK - After being unable to raise \$800 million dollars; U.S. Airways filed for bankruptcy under chapter 11 in Alexandria, VA. On its website U.S. Airways said that flight schedules and flight operations will not be changed due to the filing. The airline has received permission from the courts to continue its divided miles program.

MIAMI, Florida - After killing 41 in the Caribbean Hurricane Ivan, pounded the Cayman Islands Sunday. Hurricane Ivan is on its way towards the western tip of Cuba. Power outages hampered communication in the

Cayman Islands, and parts were flooded so badly that people had to stand on their roofs. Many of the islands 45,00 people moved into shelters for protection from the strong winds.

LOS ANGELES, California - Mary Lou Letourneau who served a 7 1/2 year prison term for her relationship with a twelve year old student is now out of jail. The two have two daughters together. Fualaau who is now 21 says that the two still have time for each other. Last month Fualaau's request to lift a order barring Letourneau from having contact with him was granted. The two have supposedly been seeing each other twice a day. Fualaau says it is safe to say that the two of them will be getting married.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sunday President Bush made an unexpected visit to the Russian embassy. He expressed contempt towards the "evil terrorists" and signed a book of condolences towards victims of the high school seizure. Bush spoke out against the actions of the terrorist in which they "mowed down" many innocent children. Bush promised Russia

that he would stand "Shoulder to Shoulder" with them on the war against terrorism. The war on terrorism is one of the main themes in President Bush's re-election process.



ANTHONY, Kansas - The small town in Kansas adopted the family of Joseph P. Spor. He was a firefighter who people in this Kansas town never knew, but wanted to help. They adopted his wife and four children when he was killed in the September 11 attacks. After helping his family they went one step further and adopted his entire fire sending them cookies, photo albums, and much more. On September 11 they dedicated a small memorial to him, bringing a part of New York City, to Anthony Kansas.

WORLD NEWS

HONG KONG, China - A partial re-count was demand-

ed by Hong Kong's main pro-democracy party in the legislative elections held Sunday. Yeung Sum, the democratic leader announced that he was formally calling for a partial re-count. A record 3.2 million voters, were registered to take part in the vote that would test the strength of democracy.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico - Gunmen killed one of Mexico's main drug bosses in an ambush in a cinema complex Sunday. Shortly after five of the assailants were killed in a shoot out with police. Rodolfo Carrillo Fuentes and his girlfriend were murdered by paid killers; a top police detective was wounded. Gunmen fled the sight, but ran into police roadblocks, two men were arrested.

TEHRAN, Iran - Iran refused to abandon its uranium enrichment program Sunday. Iran says that they are mastering the nuclear technology for peaceful purposes. They announced that they will guarantee that the technology will only be used in the name of peace. Britain, France, and Germany have given Iran until November to comply with their wishes. Up until now, the three nations have

disagreed with the United States on taking Iran in front of the Security Council.

JERUSALEM, Israel - Tens of thousands of protesters gathered Sunday to show their grievances against Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's plan to withdraw troops from Gaza and parts of the West Bank. Standing in Zion Square protesters waved white and blue flags. Behind them a sign reading "Disengagement is tearing the nation apart." Although most Israelis support the plan, the settlers who homes will be removed are becoming increasingly vocal.

FIJI - New Zealander Craig Nordstrand, a fourth level black belt; and his colleague Peter Roche were in Suva, the capital of Fiji for regional championships. They had just finished dinner when two men walked towards them asking for money, and four others stepped out of the shadows. Nordstrand took on four of men, and Roche the other two. Both became local heroes for a few days.

Information taken from
www.CNN.com and
www.FOXnews.com

Folk artist returns to Jazzman's

By LIZ WELSHANS
Flashlight Writer

Folk artist Sara Wheeler will be returning to Mansfield University on September 21. Wheeler is well known in coffeehouses throughout New England for her acoustic pop-folk music. She earned a nomination in 2000 as the College Coffeehouse Performer of the Year.

Wheeler grew up in Michigan and was heavily influenced by the works of Cole Porter, George Gershwin and the big band groups that her parents used to play. She started playing the trumpet at age of ten, and then learned guitar and piano as well. Wheeler says that the trumpet helps her approach to writing melodies.

She attended the Berklee College of Music in Boston where she became interested in acoustic music. Wheeler credits Boston for being a major musical influence.

"Some of the most talented people on the planet were playing music around me," she said. "[Boston talents] put pressure on me, but it was inspiring when I'd go out and hear a whole group of singer-songwriters and they'd all be good."

Wheeler has traveled internationally and has a following in Europe and Japan. She has also traveled to India, Thailand, Nepal, Hong Kong, and other exotic places. Each place she travels to affects her life and influences her music,

according to Wheeler. On her website, www.sarawheeler.com, she has said "living and traveling abroad has taught her to relish living in the moment, and to cultivate a clear awareness of the rich possibilities that life presents to those who pay attention."

"Sara Wheeler is such a remarkable talent. She has a lovely lilting voice; she writes complex, textured songs; and she is an accomplished guitarist and pianist," said Ken Capobianco of Billboard Magazine.

This is not the first time Wheeler has performed at Mansfield. She will be performing at Jazzman's located in Alumni Hall on September 21 at 11:45 a.m.



PHOTO FROM WWW.MNSFLD.EDU
Folk artist, Sara Wheeler, is returning to MU to perform at Jazzman's on September 21.

Political Commentary: The Pen really is mightier

By DANIEL BECHTEL

Flashlight Writer

It is a sad turn of fate that today only about 40% of the young voting public actually votes, compared to the 64% back in the Vietnam/LBJ era. According to the National Association of Secretaries of State (NASS), the main factor for this is that young people have given up on the political process. They feel that they are overlooked by politicians and that their vote doesn't count.

In 1993, a law was passed allowing people 18 and older to register to vote when applying for or renewing their driver's license. This law added more than 11 million voters to the roll call. But something ironic happened on the way to the polls. They didn't go for many of the same reasons mentioned above. In an absurd twist, these same would-be voters who were surveyed also admitted that they rarely spoke about politics or read up on the issues. Therefore, they didn't know what their vote would mean.

Sure people know the basics. In this area, Republican ideas are supported more. In

Philadelphia, it is the Democrats who rein supreme. But when was the last time you voted "straight ticket"? We vote for those candidates we feel can best do the job. We don't vote for political parties.

Think of the 1992 election- Bush vs. Clinton vs. Perot. Think of Bill Clinton's administration and the credit he received for balancing the budget. In that election, only Perot was called for fiscal responsibility and a balanced budget. Although he didn't win the election, enough of the people voted for him that Clinton had to step back and say, "Hey, I could get a poll boost if I do that!" So what was one of the first things he did? Balanced the budget, and got the credit, not Ross Perot.

Even if your candidate doesn't win the election, that doesn't mean all hope for some aspects of the opposing agenda are lost. People's minds can be changed. People can "flip-flop" on an issue for any number of reasons.

People nowadays think that the popular

vote, the tally of every vote for a specific candidate, is the one that decides the election. Untrue. It baffles me why the media would continue to show the popular vote knowing that it isn't what matters. What matters is the Electoral College. Generally, using Pennsylvania as an example, where many people in this state vote for George Bush, he may win the state and therefore receive 23 electoral votes. Each state has their own number of electors, based on population. Once a candidate reaches 270 Electoral College votes, they are declared the winner.

In the 2000 presidential election, little more than 500 people in Florida decided our country's fate. The final tally of the Electoral College was 271 Bush, 266 Gore. Because Bush ultimately won Florida (amid some hard controversy), he received its 25 electoral votes which led him to victory.

Our society is literate, which means most people have the capability to read. Is it any wonder then why nobody knows about anything in the government? People would much rather watch their one source of news on TV and be

done with it. But no matter how "fair and balanced" they claim to be, they're always placing a bias in their reports. Isn't it better that way? Isn't it better to fire people up using a specific agenda than to show both sides of the story? After all, that's what gets ratings.

This is why it's imperative that voters use a variety of sources to attain information and make the best educated decision possible. Most will claim that it's your responsibility as a citizen to vote. This is true, however, with voting comes certain responsibilities too. In Nazi Germany, an SS Storm trooper might hold a gun to your head to ensure that you voted Hitler- you had no choice in the matter. Here however, we have that choice. If we do not follow up on politics, the very issues that effect our daily lives; if we do not make intelligent decisions and only use one source of biased information to decide, then perhaps we are no better than the Nazi propagandists.

Book review: *Secret Life Of Bees* integrates childhood and poverty

By SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight News Co-Editor

Almost as soon as I took my first steps in my house for summer vacation, my mother started on me about what books to read during break. I flew through *Kurt Cobain's Journals*, even though it felt a bit like I was invading his privacy. Then I started in on a book given to me by my friend: *Heavier Than Heaven* (another Cobain biography). I started to wrap my hands around a biography of Jim Morrison, when my mother made the comment that I only read about rock stars.

I commenced on defending my taste in literature, but I could see her point. The last book I had read that wasn't about Nirvana, Jimi Hendrix, Blondie, The Doors or KISS, was a poetry book outlining the revolution and metamorphosis of the Indie-rock scene, and that had been months ago. So, I asked my mom to pick me up a book at the library that she thought I would like that wasn't about "rock and/or roll."

The next day my mom handed me, *The Secret Life of Bees* by Susan Monk Kidd. I eyed the cover and rolled my eyes at the picture of a jar of honey that graces the cover. "Great, this is going to be wonderful," I said, my words dripping with sarcasm.

I walked outside and sat down on the steps

of my porch and turned back the first few pages. After I read the first few sentences, I was hooked. Every line was incredibly original and imaginative. I read until it was too dark for me to see the words on the pages.

The clever language drew me in and I felt like I was in the Southern Georgia farmhouse with 12 year-old Lily, the main character. "At night I would lie in bed and watch the show, how bees squeezed through the cracks of my bedroom wall and flew circles around the room, making that propeller sound, a high-pitched zzzzzzz that hummed along my skin. I watched their wings shining like bits of chrome in the dark and felt the longing build in my chest. The way those bees flew, not even looking for a flower, just flying for the feel of the wind, split my heart down its seam."

I was so wrapped up in the content of the pages that I tore through them. I wish now that I would have restrained myself, and savored Kidd's use of beautiful language in this well-written touching story.

In *The Secret Life of Bees*, Lily Owens is on a quest to learn about herself and her mother, who died when Lily was four. Despite this being Kidd's debut novel, she skillfully reveals the vulnerability and neuroses of Lily and unravels a poignant plot interspersed

with a cast of well-drawn, unforgettable characters (such as an immensely obese snuff-chewing nanny).

Kidd weaves several themes into the plot. It outlines several instances where black characters were confronted with racism and prejudice. Set in 1964, the novel accurately portrays the struggle for equality in the South.

Another widespread theme in *The Secret Life of Bees* is love. Lily yearns to be loved and accepted throughout the novel. At home with her un-attentive father, Lily feels starved for love and affection. In an attempt to fill this empty void, find love, and regain lost memories of her mother, Lily begins a journey to Tiburon, a nearby town. Once there, she comes into contact with a sea of characters that support her as she undergoes the transformation from a child to a young adult.

Some of the challenges that the characters face in *The Secret Life of Bees* are reminiscent of Harper Lee's classic novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird*. Lee's Scout and Kidd's Lily, could have held hands on their similar journey's to adulthood.

The novel is at times inspiring, funny and sad. The characters are memorable and a lesson can be garnered from each. The flood of Metaphors that saturate the pages are refresh-

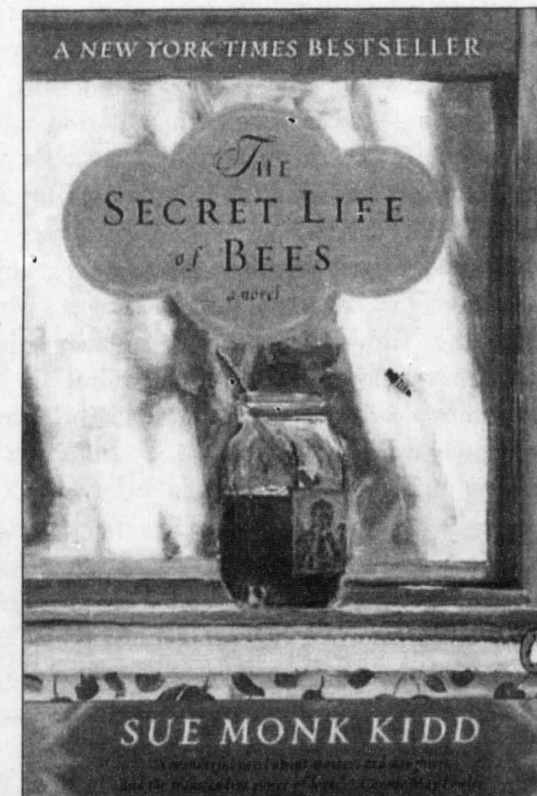


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The joys of childhood set against interracial tension in the deep south in Sue Monk Kidd's *The Secret Life of Bees*.

ing and invite the reader to recognize a unity that exists between nature and everyday human life. *The Secret Life of Bees* is the most compelling read that I have had my hands on in a very long time.

CD Review: Descendents, *Cool To Be You*

By MIKE PETERS
Flashlight Sports Editor

As the opening page of their website proclaims, "Never did a popular thing...Couldn't sell out a telephone booth...The proud...The few...The Descendents."

They are back. That's right. After an eight-year hiatus, the self-proclaimed "nerdsome foursome" is back on the punk rock scene with their 2004 release *Cool To Be You*.

Although not on a continuous basis, the Descendents have been around for quite some time. After forming in 1978, the band has taken many breaks in between writing and recording their incredible music. Lead singer Milo Aukerman, who left the band time after time for the world of science, practices his second love, biochemistry in his frequent time away from the band.

Milo has returned to the microphone to re-capture the community with their first album since 1996, *Everything Sux*.

Cool To Be You is packed with an impressive assortment of songs about girls, government and bathroom experiences specifically highlighted in the song "Blast Off."

Since I was in high school, where I first heard *Everything Sux*, I have believed that the Descendents are the perfect marriage of original punk bands like NOFX and Bad Religion, who primarily write tunes about the government and the problems of American society and the punks of the 90s, like Blink 182, who until recently wrote most of their music to the tune of bestiality and heartbreak.

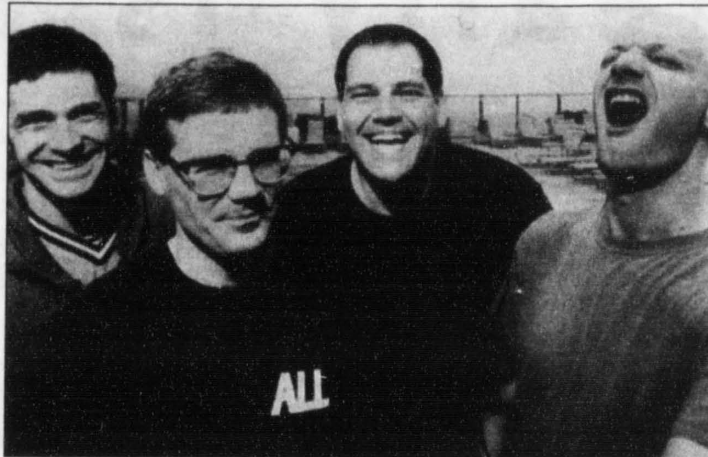


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This album is almost identical to every other Descendents album. The only difference between 2004's *Cool To Be You* and their first full length album, 1982's *Milo Goes To College* is the overall production quality.

The record starts with a few songs about girls, highlighted by the second track and one of my favorite songs on the album; "Nothing With You." This is a love song for the lazy man. In other words, this is an ideal song for me and my vision of the perfect lifestyle.

"Mad About You" at dinnertime. 'Seinfeld,' 'Simpsons,' 'So-Called Life.' Seen the reruns 20 million times. I don't wanna move. I'll just sit here in my living room and see what's on the tube, while I'm hanging out with you."

The moment I heard that line, I took my eyes off the "Drew Carey" episode I was watching for a second and confirmed with my friend that that verse and a half was an exact depiction of my life.

Possibly the strongest song on the album is their first song against American society entitled "Merican." This song is one of those rare tracks that I must replay the second the song comes to a close. It is fast-paced, lyrically solid and extremely meaningful. If not for the credit to Aukerman, I would have guessed that Greg Graffin of Bad Religion, perhaps the best lyricist in the punk rock community, wrote the song. It is that good.

The third song that sticks out in my mind is another love song called "Maddie." This is the anthem for every nice guy who has to face the world as he is trying to get the girl of his dreams.

"I'll see it through. I'll be invincible. Come on baby, they're gonna tell you that I'm not real. I'll fight for you: Not fighting over you. And there's no way they can brainwash you. I'll fight for you. Come on baby, there's no way we can lose. We'll be okay."

If you are even remotely interested in music that is punk rock, this will be a staple in your album collection. *Cool To Be You* is a great souvenir brought back from the Descendents eight-year vacation. If this is an example of what they will produce after a long break like their last, I will be looking forward to their next release in 2012.

Movie review: *Cellular*

By DAN FLETCHER

Daily Utah Chronicle (U. Utah)

High-speed car chases, earth-shattering explosions and reckless gunplay are saving graces for fallen films. Sadly, no amount of testosterone-fueled carnage saves the cinematic soul of "Cellular."

Built upon classic sentimental foreshadowing, Ryan (Chris Evans), the film's beach-bum-turned-benevolent-hero, is introduced while pleading a newfound responsibility to his ex-love, Chloe. Departing on a crusade of errands to prove his devotion, the focus shifts from Ryan to Jessica Martin (Kim Basinger) kissing her son goodbye and waving to the departing school bus with a gleam of maternal concern. The emotional climax this early in the game makes it clear that the sky is about to fall.

Moments after returning home, a gang of well-dressed thugs bursts into Jessica's Hollywood home, shoots her maid and throws her into the back of a van. Cast into a gloomy attic, the lead henchman, played by Jason Statham (of unintelligible "Snatch" fame) smashes a telephone on the wall and top-

ples the first domino in a long line of convenient twists and turns that fuel "Cellular's" direction, but can't steer it clear of glaring plot holes.

After a period of schmaltzy emotional breakdown, Jessica comes to her senses and dives into MacGyver-like ingenuity. Tapping the deceased phone's wiring together, she immaculately dials Ryan's cell phone. Immersed in his quest to regain lost love, Ryan is skeptical of Jessica's claims. Yet his incubating sense of duty strikes a nerve and sends him to the nearest police station for help.

On arrival, Ryan hands the phone to an officer played by William H. Macy. While Macy's performance saves the scene, a gang riot ensues, and his character can't save the day.

In lieu of patience, Ryan transforms in an instant from slacker hippie to stalwart hero. This Clark Kent-like metamorphosis propels our protagonist on a journey through the war zone that is rush hour Los Angeles: to rescue the Martin family from certain doom.

The ensuing montage of gratuitous action and B-grade comedy slowly makes it clear that where cinematic

integrity fades, mayhem is employed to divert attention.

Of course, no amount of pyrotechnic pleasure could possibly mask chronicles of angles left unrequited in this film -- i.e., plot holes. These include, but are (definitely) not limited to the hero's inability to employ police help and the list of inexplicably convenient occurrences that come to the rescue of movie's flow.

Even worse is the potential squandered in the film's production. Originally a story penned by seasoned fright writer Larry Cohen ("It's Alive," "Phone Booth"), "Cellular" was passed onto the desk of script rookie Chris Morgan.

I don't know who, but someone dropped the call on that one. Even the shining support performances of William H. Macy and Jason Statham barely break through the dark clouds of inconsistency.

Imagine battling 90 minutes of accident-instigated rush-hour traffic while being stuck behind a caravan of catty celebrities chatting on cell phones, and you'll get a pretty good idea of all that "Cellular" has to offer: Two out of five service bars, and an overpriced bill to go with it.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

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Cellular (PG-13)

Resident Evil: Apocalypse (PG-13)



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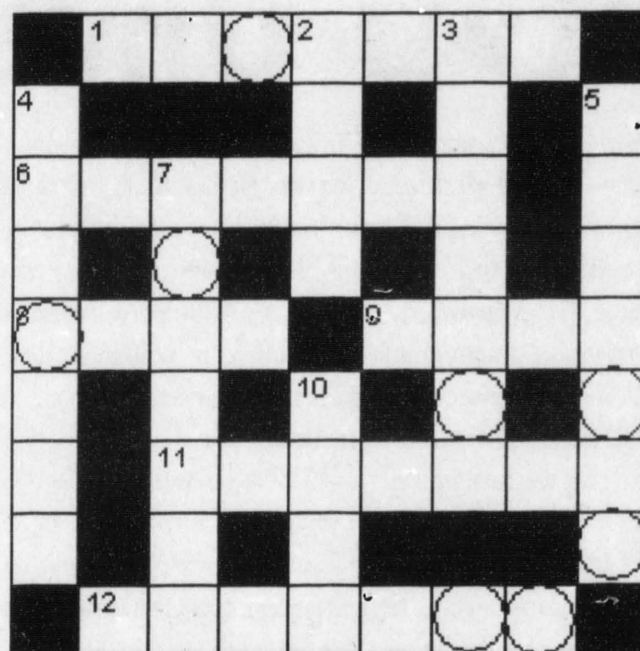
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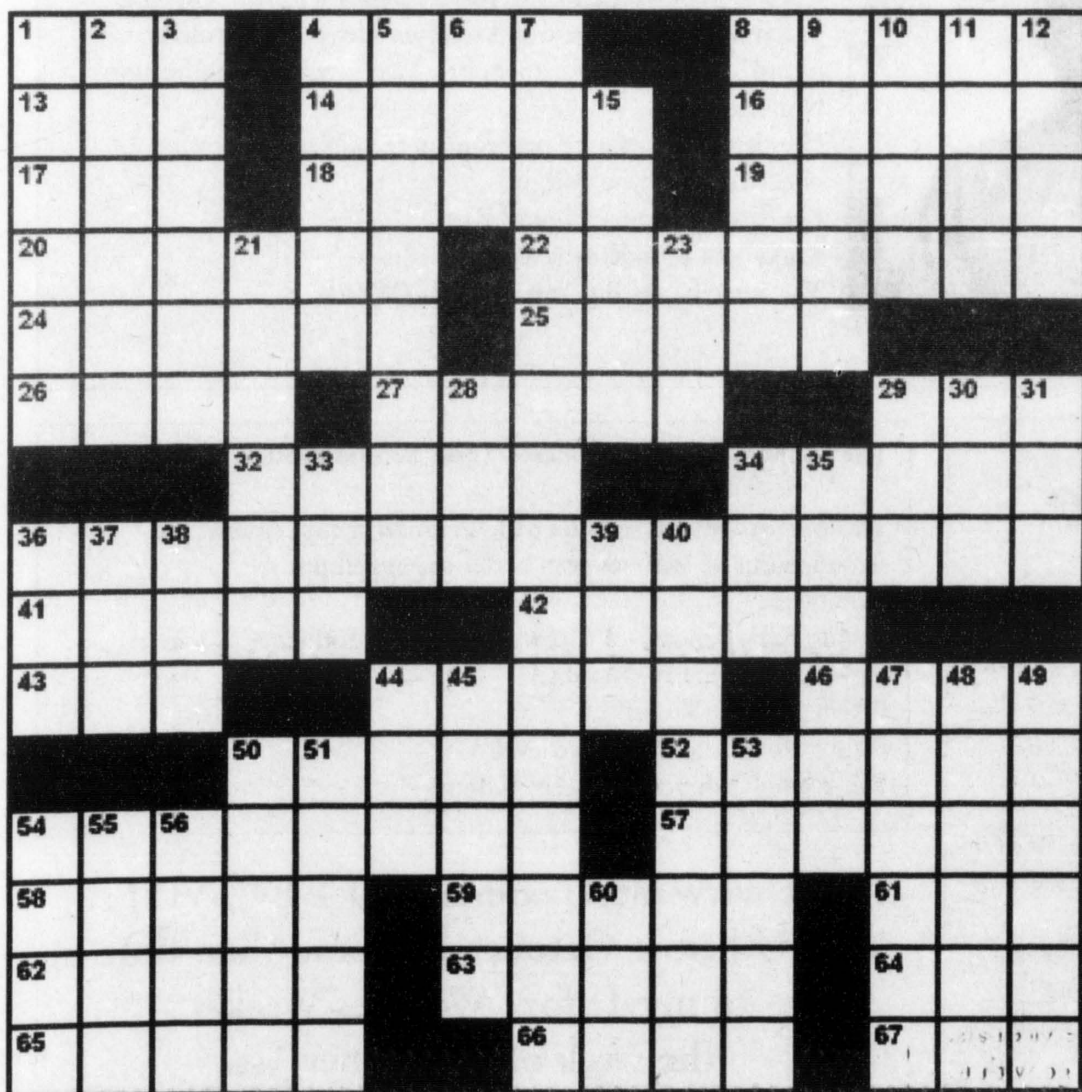
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Final clue: Go through a ... ! You'll be fined.



Across

- Long ___ of the Law
- Tree branch
- Bound to another in service
- Month of Spring Graduation
- Wall hanging of woven fabric
- Used in printer ink
- Emergency acronym
- Visual percept of a region
- Hindu princess
- Biotic community
- Person claiming benefit
- Again but new
- Oldie "So ___ Together"
- Peepers
- Co-ed dorm at MU
- Tropical bird
- Band "Stella ___"
- Intollérant of other opinions
- Holds rank by virtue of a warrant
- Bottomless pit
- Evil-looking woman
- Fish eggs
- Substitute for butter (pl)
- TV Show "Who's the ___?"

Down

- Fish eggs
- Substitute for butter (pl)
- TV Show "Who's the ___?"
- X-Axis counterpart
- Warm
- There and their, for instance
- Being in a more tense state
- Put up with someone
- Boost for car
- Cotton gin inventor ___ Whitney
- Make larger
- Billy Idol trademark
- Moved fast
- Column of wood
- Primitive fish (pl)
- Male or female
- Marine protozoa
- Develop complicating consequences
- City in Souther India
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- Mister's wife
- Serial execution of computer programs
- Chilly poker game type
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- Nicole Smith
- Blood vessel
- At a previous time
- Small evergreen
- Pile of junk + rs
- Donkey Kong
- Creativity outlet
- Blink 182 song "What's my ___ Again?"
- And not
- It is
- Woolen cap
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- Frozen water container
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- Ancient Ausltraitian denizen
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- Flexible twig
- Ancient stone slab
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- Spring-flowering shrub
- Notice of someone's death
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mtvU Unveils Inagural "Woodies"

New York, NY (September 13, 2004) - mtvU, the 24-hour college network, today announced nominees for the first annual "mtvU Woodie Awards." Continuing an indie label tradition by honoring the best in emerging music, mtvU tosses aside those gold and platinum records to pay tribute to those artists who have won over hearts, not charts. Awarded with their own mtvU award made of wood designed and handcrafted by college students, the first annual "mtvU Woodie Awards" recognizes artists and music that have made an impact on the college music scene over the last year.

To vote for the first annual mtvU Woodie Awards, college students around the country are invited to visit www.mtvU.com or call 1-877-VOTE-MTVU before October 15th. mtvU will also be inviting students to vote during various mtvU on-campus events held at colleges and universities this fall. Nominated artists will be profiled on air throughout the voting period and on mtvU music series such as "The Dean's List." A special "Woodies Week" on mtvU will unveil the winners of the Woodie Awards on-air in early November.



The Killers

Photo courtesy of Island Records

The Breaking Woodie - (Best Emerging Artist)

mtvU's "Freshmen" is where new, developing artists are test driven for the first time by the toughest critics around: college students. One of this year's Freshmen artists will win the coveted Breaking Woodie.

Nominees:

Butterfly Boucher - I Can't Make Me (Interscope)
 Secret Machines - Nowhere Again (Warner Bros.)
 Atmosphere - Trying To Find A Balance (Epitaph)
 Robert Randolph - I Need More Love (Warner Bros.)
 The Killers - Somebody Told Me (Island)

Photo courtesy of Interscope Records
Yeah Yeah Yeahs

Woodie of the Year - (Artist of the Year)

The artists who made the biggest splash on the scene and on mtvU, yet somehow huge commercial success hasn't intoxicated them just yet.

Nominees:

Death Cab For Cutie - The New Year (Barsuk)
 Modest Mouse - Float On (Epic)
 Jet - Are You Gonna Be My Girl (WEA)
 Anthony Hamilton - Coming From Where I'm From (Jive)
 Yeah Yeah Yeahs - Maps (Interscope)

Soundtrack of My Life Woodie - (Best Album)

Simply put, the album we couldn't live without...this year.

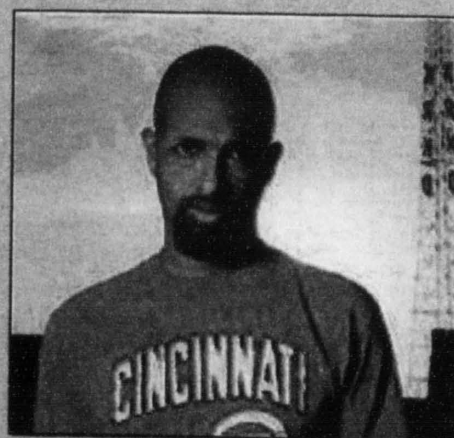
Nominees:

Franz Ferdinand - Franz Ferdinand (Epic)
 Coheed & Cambria - In Keeping Secrets Of Silent Earth: 3 (Columbia)
 The Postal Service - Give Up (Sub Pop)
 Jadakiss - Kiss The Game Goodbye (Interscope)
 A-kon - Trouble (Universal)



Coheed & Cambria

Photo courtesy Columbia Records



Kenna

Photo courtesy of Columbia Records

Left Field Woodie - (Most Original Artist)

They're genre-busters. They came out of left field and surprised us so much, we'd still have no idea what section of the record store to look for them in. They resist all classification.

Nominees:

Dresden Dolls - Girl Anachronism (Roadrunner)
 N.E.R.D. - Maybe (Virgin)
 Kenna - Freetime (Columbia)
 Kinky - El Presidente (Network)
 The Streets - Fit But You Know It (WEA)



Death Cab for Cutie

The Good Woodie - (Greatest Social Impact)

The award for the artists whose commitment to a social cause has effected the greatest change this year.

Nominees:

Sum-41 - War Child participation in The Congo (WEA)
 Beastie Boys - Free Tibet efforts (Capitol)
 Coldplay - Oxfam / Amnesty International (Capitol)
 Death Cab For Cutie - Vote For Change/ Move on for Music in America (Barsuk)
 P. Diddy - Citizen Change (Universal)

The Sophomore Jump Woodie - (Best Second Album)

Those artists who dazzled us with an amazing first album, and astounded us all with an even better second album.

Nominees:

Taking Back Sunday - A Decade Under The Influence (Victory)
 Sugarcult - Memory (Artemis)
 BRMC - Stop (Virgin)
 Nappy Roots - Sick & Tired (WEA)
 Something Corporate - Space (Geffen)

Visit www.mtvU.com or call 1-877-VOTE-MTVU before October 15th and then tune in to myvU for "Woodies Week", the week of November 1st.



Photo courtesy of Float On Records

Modest Mouse

The Silent But Deadly Woodie - (Best Video)

The music video that's so incredible, we'd watch it even without the music.

Nominees:

- Kenna - Freetime (Columbia)
- Steriogram - Walkie-Talkie Man (Capitol)
- Reggie & The Full Effect - Congratulations Smack & Katy (Vagrant)
- Modest Mouse - Float On (Epic)
- Mogwai - Hunted By A Freak (Matador)

The Best Showing Woody - (Best Tour)

For those artists who take to the road and never let up, always giving that memorable live performance.

Nominees:

- Phish (WEA)
- O.A.R. (Lava)
- Coheed & Cambria (Columbia)
- The Roots (Geffen)
- Jack Johnson (Universal)



The Roots

Photo courtesy Geffen Records



Photo courtesy of Capitol Records
Slum Village

The Welcome Back Woodie - (a.k.a. The You're Still OK in our Book Award)

For the artists who graduated from our midst but have returned to us with music we love.

Nominees:

- Beastie Boys (Capitol)
- Slum Village (Capitol)
- Dave Matthews Band (RCA)
- Incubus (Epic)
- The Roots (Geffen)



Photo courtesy of Lava Records

O.A.R.

Streaming Woodie - (Most Streamed)

All semester long, students have been downloading and streaming their favorite tunes from their favorite website, mtvU.com. We tally up all the clicks, and see who gets the most downloaded Woodie.

Nominees:

- Coheed & Cambria - A Favor House Atlantic (Columbia)
- Copeland - Walking Downtown (The Militia Group)
- Fallout Boy - Grand Theft Autumn/Where Is Your Body? (Fueled By Rainen)
- O.A.R. - Hey Girl (Lava)

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From Russia With Love

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

Privet! (That means hello for all you non Russian speakers) The beauty of Russia overwhelms me every day. I really can't get over it. I've been here for a week and it's certainly been full of surprises.

St. Petersburg was the group's time for fun, tourist style. The first day we spent wandering around the city, taking pictures of various cathedrals and just getting used to city life. Our next stop was Peterhof, the palace of Peter the Great. Walking into the courtyard, I stood agape at the wonder in front of me. Gold fountains as far as I could see were spouting water into clear pools. As I looked further, it took all I could to stifle a girlish squeal. Peterhof is not only mammoth in size but it's beautiful! The outside was only a prelude for what was to come. Inside, the palace is full of inlaid wood, gold leaf designs and beautiful artwork. Knowing that a great czar and his family walked the same path as I was incredibly moving. My trip had only just begun...

The Hermitage, according to Russians is the sec-

ond most famous in the world, next to The Louvre. We spent an entire afternoon walking it's corridors in wonder at what we saw there. I am proud to say that I have stood inches away from Raphael's Madonna, original works of Gauguin, Picasso and Monet as well as having looked into Egyptian carcophagi. I feel truly alive.

After thirty six hours on a train, I am finally in Volgograd. All of us are having an amazing time! We're making new friends, exploring the city and beginning to see the world in a new light.

Two nights ago, Jake Casella and I made dinner with the help of a few other students. I couldn't help but feel at home. Very few places do you meet such wonderful people. I know that if I'm feeling like this after only a week, I can't begin to imagine what it will be like December 13 when I prepare to return to me actual home. Until next time friends, da svi-danya!

Check out the new classified ad section on page 12!

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



Are social etiquette laws becoming necessary?

By THERESA BENNER,
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

I know I run the risk of just complaining in this week's editorial, but the cell phone situation is out of control. Nearly everyday somebody's phone goes off in one of my classes, disrupting the instructor, distracting the students and rudely waking those who are sleeping.

I am consistently being disturbed in the movie theatre or at dinner by blaring ringtones and their rude owners. Now I'm not trying to be controversial by mentioning a religious film, but you should have heard the audience gasp when an Eminem ringtone echoed off the walls of the theatre in the middle of *The Passion of the Christ*. But even this wasn't the worst.

The biggest shock came to me last semester when a professor (a professor!) not only answered their ringing cell phone in class, but continued to carry on a loud and lengthy conversation, while telling the students to carry on with the discussion themselves.

I hope it is obvious that I'm not trying to target any particular age range or specific group

when I say that people's manners in general are poor. Granted, I may be overreacting. People's manners probably aren't any worse than they've ever been, but certain conveniences and technologies that we have gained, such as cell phones, are contributing to the level of annoyance coming from everyday impolite behavior.

It has gotten to the point where I have noticed that my professors have started to put cell phone policies in their syllabi, reminding students of what I thought was common sense: turn your phones off! And I'm sure that several of the theatre majors and musicians on campus could complain at great length about phone calls that have interrupted their performances, and about poor etiquette skills in general.

While a few states have already made cell phone use illegal while driving, some cities and states are looking into the idea of enforcing restrictions in areas such as restaurants, theatres and number of other public entertainment and leisure venues.

I personally support this idea, but I also question some of the implications. To begin, initial-

ly trying to decide where cell phone use is and is not appropriate could become a major argument. While I am not bothered by people who are talking in the mall while they shop, others are greatly offended. Would restaurants include fast food establishments, or only be enforced in slightly more sophisticated environments? Would there be exceptions made for emergency situations, when cell phone use is necessary or understandable?

I'm also sure that a number of service providers would have a few things to say about the idea of restricting their customers phone usage.

It seems to me that for the time being it may be in the public's best interest for businesses and organizations to simply place a few more signs reminding individuals to politely turn off or silence their phones, or even refrain from cell phone use within that particular establishment. Perhaps, a host or hostess could mention it when introducing themselves to their tables. Or maybe, just maybe, we could work harder ourselves to be slightly more courteous when in social settings.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you feel cell phone restrictions should be enforced to improve social etiquette?
How should this be done?

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Political Commentary:

Take the ban with a grain assault

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

As of midnight on Tuesday, the federal legislation otherwise known as the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994 expired. This legislation, first adopted in 1994 during the Clinton administration, has been a source of controversy for media talking heads and politicians alike; but is all the controversy really warranted? And further, how effective is the bill really?

For starters, it is important to take note of a few important facts. First and foremost, the expiration of the Assault Weapons Ban of 1994 does not mean that any disgruntled postal worker or marginalized high school student can walk into a firearms store and purchase a fully automatic rifle. In fact, fully automatic rifles have been outlawed for citizens since 1934. Secondly, many of the weapons, such as Uzis, TEC-9s and grenade launchers, that were outlawed by the bill had already been outlawed by other legislation and their legality remains unchanged after the ban expired on Tuesday.

Acknowledging these facts, what the assault weapons ban did accomplish is the banning of the following attachments: tele-

scoping stocks, protruding pistol grips (for rifles), bayonet mounts, flash suppressors, and any sort of ammunition feeding device that has a capacity of greater than ten rounds. These reforms effectively brand any handguns, rifles, or shotguns that possess these attachments as "assault weapons."

What this means then is this: Say for example you were a collector of Colt AR-15s which are semi-automatic rifles designed to replicate the military style of the fully automatic, and unavailable to citizens, M-16. A pre-ban (that is, pre-1994) AR-15 would be equipped with a flash suppressor and bayonet lug. Meanwhile, if you were to purchase any post-ban AR-15 it would lack both the flash suppressor and bayonet lug, but still have the same firing power. Meaning, it could still fire .223 caliber bullets one at a time but instead of pulling the bolt back manually, the excess gas from the first bullet mechanically causes the second shell to be automatically loaded into the chamber and the rifle to be ready to fire. There is no difference in firing capabilities between pre and post-ban AR-15s.

This goes for any weapon deemed an "assault weapon" because of illegal equipping. Perhaps more strikingly, any of the aforementioned firearms or accessories that were outlawed by this bill are still perfectly legal to own or trade as long as they were manufactured before 1994.

So how effective, exactly, is this legislation anyways? Presumably, any decrease in gun-related crime might very well be unrelated to this legislation. This is largely because the so-called "assault weapons" that were outlawed under this act were still available to the general public so long as they were manufactured prior to 1994. Taking into consideration these facts, it seems unlikely that the ban prevented "assault weapons" from falling into the hands of criminals at all and it seems even more unlikely that the expiration of the ban will make much of a difference in the future.

Not that I dislike the idea of protecting police and citizens from criminals armed with AR-15's and bayonets, nor do I dislike the idea of banning flash suppressors that make it difficult to locate where a person is firing from, but I do take issue with

the usefulness of this law. The only thing that I imagine this law accomplished was making it more difficult for innocent, law-abiding hobbyists such as collectors and target shooters.

As cliché as it sounds, the truth of it is that the people that are inclined to murder a police officer or your family member will probably not be inclined to follow gun laws. Furthermore, even if this hypothetical criminal does benevolently choose to abide by the law while at the same time breaking it, a post-ban AR-15 is just as deadly as a pre-ban AR-15.

So pardon me when I ask what the hell all the fuss is about.

Maybe John Kerry knows! On Monday afternoon the presidential hopeful launched an attack on President Bush for not more aggressively seeking an extension to the assault weapons ban in Congress. Perhaps Senator Kerry should consider that the ban is basically useless and restricts only collectors and other law-abiding rifle enthusiasts. Or, if this ban is so important to him, perhaps he should have lobbied for an extension of it himself. Isn't he a Senator? Aren't they allowed to do that

FLASHLIGHT OPINIONS

The following are responses to questions posed in past editorials. If you wish to submit a reply, please send your thoughts to flashopinions@yahoo.com

Is it better for the media to be unbiased and passive or to be biased and politically aggressive?

The question posed in the first edition of the new academic year was interesting, albeit somewhat convoluted. Bias, passivity, aggressivity are not mutually exclusive. One can be biased and passive. The basic decision to cover or not cover a story can show bias, thus relating a degree of passivity, e.g. if a story is not covered. Likewise, one can be aggressive (note the lack of the adjective "politically") without being biased. That, in my opinion, should be the maxim for all journalism students as they begin their professional careers.

Thank you for the opportunity for an "old" alum to give some input.

Lew Lee
Class of '62 (19 that is!)

New voice mail service makes small steps towards helping the homeless

Staff Editorial

The Daily Vidette (Illinois State U.)

Homeless shelters and soup kitchens across the country have introduced a new way to help get people back on their feet.

The non-profit Community Voice Mail is a service being offered in cities such as Dallas, Denver, Los Angeles and Boston.

Started in 1991 in Seattle, the voice mail system gives the homeless a way to be contacted by potential employers, social service agencies and relatives.

This saves homeless people from having to tell an employer they are living on the streets.

Many employers do not want to call a homeless shelter or a soup kitchen, so this point may be one of the strongest points of the service.

Each person in a homeless shelter is given their own voice mailbox through Community Voice Mail that can be accessed by phones anywhere.

The service comes to a homeless shelter at the minute cost of \$7 a month and has already proved helpful to many people once living on the streets who have since gained employment with the help of the service. This proves the best solutions sometimes come in the form of small changes.

Not only does the service initially help those who use it, but it also inspires other homeless people and shows them that with a little help and persistence

they can change their lives.

In effect, this service creates a domino effect.

Instead of simply offering the homeless a temporary solution to a problem (offering them meals), this service shows promise for permanent change.

As the saying goes, "If you give a man a fish, he eats for a day. If you teach a man to fish he can eat for life."

The service can also be used for homeless people who need to be contacted by a doctor for medical purposes. Today the service is offered in 37 cities across the country for over 47,000 people.

And while the service is mostly offered in larger urban areas, smaller cities should look into offering similar services, especially considering the cheap cost of the service.

But why should the service cost at all?

This seems like a perfect opportunity for the big communication companies to give back to the communities who use their services.

Companies like land-based telephone service companies and mobile phone companies could use the service they offer as a major public relations move and would also be able to claim their contribution as a tax write-off.

It is a shame that such an easy, inexpensive service is just now being offered. But if communication companies could step up and help provide this service to shelters, it would provide an example for other companies to do the same.

Pi Sigma Pi holds Fall Rush

Mansfield University's Theta Chapter of Phi Sigma Pi will hold its fall rush during the week of Sept. 19. Phi Sigma Pi is a national co-educational honor fraternity known across the United States.

Theta chapter has the recognition of being the oldest, continuing chapter of Phi Sigma Pi. Founded on Feb. 14, 1916 at Central Missouri State University, Phi Sigma Pi remains an important part of the college curriculum - instilling scholarship, leadership and fellowship. It became a national organization in 1921 when a chapter was activated at Bradley University in Illinois. It remains a professional fraternity for all major areas of study.

To become a member, students need a 3.0 GPA, at least 12 credits earned and be a second-semester freshman. Males and females of any major are welcome. Theta chapter takes part in many activities including Adopt-a-Highway, collecting can tabs for kidney dialysis, doing various fundraisers and charity work for organizations and its national philanthropy, Teach for America. They also hold campus-wide entertainment. Phi Sigma Pi holds two national conferences, National Convention and Grand Chapter, to help unite the chapters from all over the country. This year's convention will be held in Memphis. Theta has an award-winning Risk Management program which offers education on topics like alcohol education and safe sex.

Theta will hold an information night at 9 p.m. on Sept. 20 in the AHUB multipurpose room. Get to know the brotherhood and become part of the tripod: scholarship, leadership and fellowship. For more information, contact Initiate Advisors Julia Berlin (berlinj@mnsfld.edu) or John Malusky (maluskyj@mnsfld.edu).

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Mansfield buckles to Bloomsburg on the soccer field

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

Not only did Mansfield University's women's soccer team have to battle the rain, but the Mounties faced the ninth ranked team in the region as well.

On Sept. 8 the Mounties traveled to the far reaches of Western Pennsylvania to play Edinboro University. Although the Mounties put in a tough performance through the downpour, they dropped the close contest 1-0.

The game remained scoreless heading into half-time as both teams fought hard to gain any kind of advantage in the bad weather conditions. However, it only took six minutes into the second half for Shauna Wolf of Edinboro University to

break the tie and score what turned out to be the game winning goal. Assisting Wolf on the goal for Edinboro University were Kara Ciacchini and Ashley Pulman.

Junior goalie Julie Miller played the whole game recording eight saves as the Mounties were out-shot 17-3 by Edinboro University. The Mounties evened their record at 2-2 on the season while Edinboro University, the ninth ranked team in the region, improved to 2-1-1.

Glad to back home and out of the rain, the Mounties went head to head with the Huskies of Bloomsburg University on Sept. 11. In an already emotional day due to the three year anniversary of the terrorist attacks on our

nation, the Mounties dropped a difficult loss to the Huskies 3-1.

The Mounties fought hard in the first half against a good Huskies team as both teams headed into halftime scoreless. As second half action started up, Amanda McLaughlin of Bloomsburg University scored on a corner-kick to give the Huskies a 1-0 lead. Less than 10 minutes later, Jill Huffman scored to make the Huskies lead 2-0. The Mounties finally got on the board halfway through the second half as freshman Quna Harper scored to cut the lead down to a single goal, 2-1. The Mounties shut-down the Huskies for rest of the game until Lauren Hess scored off another corner-kick to make the final score



PHOTO BY HANNAH KILLIAN/THE FLASHLIGHT

Mountaineer defender Stephanie Haulman is one of six upperclassmen on the soccer team. Her experience should benefit the young team.

3-1 with only seconds left in the game.

Miller played the whole game in goal for Mansfield, saving 14 shots, as the Mounties were out-shot again 23-4. The Mountaineers were without their leading scorer freshman Colleen Corcoran for the contest, whom is sidelined with an injury.

Mansfield fell to 2-3 overall and 0-1 in the PSAC Conference. Bloomsburg improves to 2-1 on the season.

Mansfield is playing their second PSAC game of the season on Sept. 14 at Kutztown University.

The Mountaineers will play Millersville University at 4 p.m. on Sept. 18 in Millersville.

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Panthers @ Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Panthers	Chiefs	Chiefs
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Rams @ Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons
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Question of the Week:

Which professional sports record will be the first to be broken?

1. MLB: Longest hit streak
Joe DiMaggio, 56 games
2. NBA: Most points in a game
Wilt Chamberlain, 100 points
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Mansfield blows past Slippery Rock, 6-3

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

Pouring down rain and a soaking wet field are never desired conditions when trying to play field hockey, especially when trying to win your first game of the season. However, those were the exact playing conditions that the Mansfield University women's field hockey team faced on Sept. 8 at Slippery Rock University.

Even though the rain was pouring, the Mounties had a slight smile on their faces as they played Slippery Rock University, a team that they beat twice last year. Behind strong offensive performances from senior Kristen Campbell and freshman Keely Jarrett, the Mounties jumped out to an early 2-0 and never looked back, winning their first game of the season 6-3.

"The weather conditions were a concern but we held it together," Campbell said. "We really needed this win as a confidence boost."

Jarrett started the scoring off for the Mounties in the first half on an unassisted goal. Campbell matched Jarrett with an unassisted goal of her own to increase the Mounties lead to 2-0 going into halftime.

"I have complete confidence in our offensive front-line," Campbell said. "Keely has proven that she has the ability to score, Alissa [Gallagher] is better with a year of experience under her belt, and Ryanne is no slouch either."

Jarrett continued the scoring in

the second half as she made the score 3-0. Slippery Rock did get on the board as Nicole Hess cut the Mounties lead down to 3-1. Hess's goal ignited a six goal alternating scoring blitz as the Mounties traded shots with Slippery Rock until the score ended at 6-3.

Sophomore forward Alissa Gallagher added another goal for the Mounties, making the score 4-1. Gallagher has now scored six goals in her only three games against Slippery Rock University. Kathleen Ross of Slippery Rock University scored on an assist from Kate Krochmal to cut the Mounties lead to 4-2. Coming right back for the Mounties, Campbell scored her second goal of the day and fourth on the season to give the Mounties a 5-2 lead. Krochmal then answered with a goal of her own to once again cut into the Mounties lead and make the score 5-3, but the Mounties would answer right back as freshman Ryanne Higgins scored to make the final score 6-3.

Overall, it was a fine offensive display from the offensive-line, which pleased Campbell. "We communicated well," Campbell said. "We tried to have someone in the right spot all the time. As long as someone is scoring, we're all happy."

With the offense clicking, the defense put in a strong effort to preserve the Mounties first win of the season. Sophomore goalie Shannon Brim had nine saves on



PHOTO BY SPORTS INFORMATION
Mansfield University field hockey goalie, Shannon Brim had nine saves in their first victory of the season. Mansfield defeated Slippery Rock University 6-3.

the day as the Mounties out-shot Slippery Rock University 27-17. The Mounties improve to 1-4 on the season and 1-1 in the PSAC. Slippery Rock University falls to 0-4 on the season.

Next up for the Mounties are three very tough games in a span of six days, but the Mounties know that no game this year is going to come easy. On Sept. 14 the Mounties play at Shippensburg University, on Sept. 16 the Mounties play East Stroudsburg University at home, and then travel to Indiana University of Pennsylvania on the weekend.

"No one is going to be easy to beat this season," Campbell said. "You play your game at the highest level you possibly can because anything can happen."

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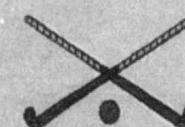
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Love him or hate him, give Bonds his due credit

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

Barry Bonds is one of the few names in professional sports that usually infuriate this writer.

In past issues of The Flashlight I have gone on many tangents regarding his alleged steroid use and its effect on the game that many Americans, including myself, have grown to admire. However, this article will hopefully be different. For at the time of this publication, that same man I despise more than any player in Major League Baseball has 699 career homeruns and will quickly venture into the elite 700-club, joining only Hank Aaron and Babe Ruth as its third member.

I like to think of myself as an objective person. I know most times there is a difference between a personal opinion and the truth. I love the New York Mets. I also know that they, at times, are a disgrace to the game of baseball. Never have I said "The Yankees are horrible" and meant it, because they are continuously one of baseball's best teams. In my opinion, only the idiots will utter that statement and mean it. That is like a Dave Matthews Band fanatic proclaiming their favorite artists are the best live performance when in actuality, they have only seen one band. It happens all too often in both examples. The educated fan will tell you that the New York Yankees are his or her least favorite team; however they could probably beat the pants off of their favorite.

I do not care for Bonds at all. In fact, I can not stand him for one second. Nor have I or will I ever root for him to break any record, especially Aarons'. I am disgusted by his lack of enthusiasm for the game. At times I get the urge to hop on a plane and head to San Francisco with rifle in hand just to give him the motivation he needs to run the bases instead of walking them

after hitting a homerun. Although much older, he does however fit in with today's generation of arrogant athletes who seem to be playing the game for themselves and no one else.

Many people probably feel the same way I do about these issues. However, you can throw all the asterisks you want at the guy; he is one of the best players to ever step foot on a baseball diamond. No one can take that away from him.

Bonds entered the league in 1986 as the bright-eyed young son of Bobby Bonds, one of the most dominant lead-off hitters

secutive years. They were ousted by the Atlanta Braves each year. Once Pittsburgh declared that they were officially done with competition, they shipped Bonds to the San Francisco Giants where he took the sport by storm.

At one point in his career, Bonds was a four-tool player. He could run for speed, hit for average, hit for power and play the field. The only facet of the game he did not possess was a strong throwing arm. That obviously did not stop him from becoming one of the games most elite players in anyone's generation.

In my mind, one of the most impressive achievements he has obtained in his historic career occurred in 1996 when he became the second person inducted into the "40-40 Club." He joined Jose Canseco, the founder of the Club in 1988. Bonds and Canseco coincidentally shared the same numbers; 42 homeruns and 40 stolen bases.

Homeruns and MVP awards are not his only forte. If Bonds were to retire today, he would sit down with 2,719 hits and a .300 career batting average. More times than not, with a hit total of that magnitude and a .300 avg., the player would be a shoe-in for the Hall of Fame.

Until the last few years of his career, Bonds had the reputation of being a solid outfielder as well and an above average hitter.

He won eight Gold Gloves for the outfield in the nine years from 1990 and 1998 with 1995 being the only year in that span in which he went home without any extra luggage.

The only thing in which I will not give Bonds a whole lot of credit is the recent flourish in his number of walks in each of the last four seasons. In that time, he has 726 walks, most of which are of the intentional variety, in only 555 games. That is an average of 1.3 walks per game. No player should warrant an amount of fear in the opposition so great that he

receives and intentional pass in the first inning, with no one on base. I personally do not think he should be given that much "respect." However, if the pitchers are really that frightened when they see no. 25 step up to the plate, they feel they need to walk the guy, by all means, good job Barry.

Bonds' consistency has never been questioned in his 19-year Major League career. He has hit at least 25 homeruns in 17 of his 19 big league seasons. Bonds has a reputation for being a very streaky hitter. When he is on, he is on. When he is off, he is off. In recent years, the focus has been primarily based on his recent power surge.

Bonds has hit approximately 32 percent of his career homeruns in the last five seasons, or in other words, since the age of 35 years and eight months. The numbers are suspiciously big. As painful as it is for me to say this, until the test results are in, that suspicious number is absolutely legit. As of now, Bonds had aged like a fine wine. Not many players in can say that with a straight face.

The number 700 is something that no one has seen in the last 31 years. This will indeed be a special night for all of baseball, whether you like the man or not. It is my prediction that 700 will be surpassed many more times in my lifetime. With the likes of Albert Pujols and Alex Rodriguez, anything can happen. For the meantime, keep your eyes glued to every single at-bat Barry Bonds takes in the near future because as far as I am concerned, you are watching the

best all-around power-hitter since Hank Aaron.

The unfortunate thing about the record Bonds will surpass in 57 short swings is that it will soon reach the same fate as Mark McGwire's single-season home-run mark. Some talented ballplayer will shatter the new mark in a matter of 10 to 15 years. The aforementioned Pujols and Rodriguez are the best bets to do so.

Perhaps we are focusing too much on Aarons' record.

Sure, 755 is an outstanding total and should not be taken lightly. He was a tremendous player and set an incredible mark. But who would really be happy with being the second greatest home-run hitter in all the land when they could have been the best? I say forget about Hank Aaron, Barry Bonds. You do not receive my full endorsement until you bring the world record of 868 homeruns set by Sadarahu Oh back to the United States of America. Good luck buddy.

I hope there was not an overabundance of bashing on Bonds. As much as I would prefer any other person with the exception of Sammy Sosa to pass Ruth and Aarons' totals, this is something that I will look forward to telling my children and grandchildren about. Watching a record of this magnitude fall will lie among the great things that our generation will be fortunate to see like watching Michael Jordan play basketball (not baseball; that was awful), Maris' record falling and of course, the 1986 N.Y. Mets.

Until next time ladies and gentlemen, "Skippy hop hop."

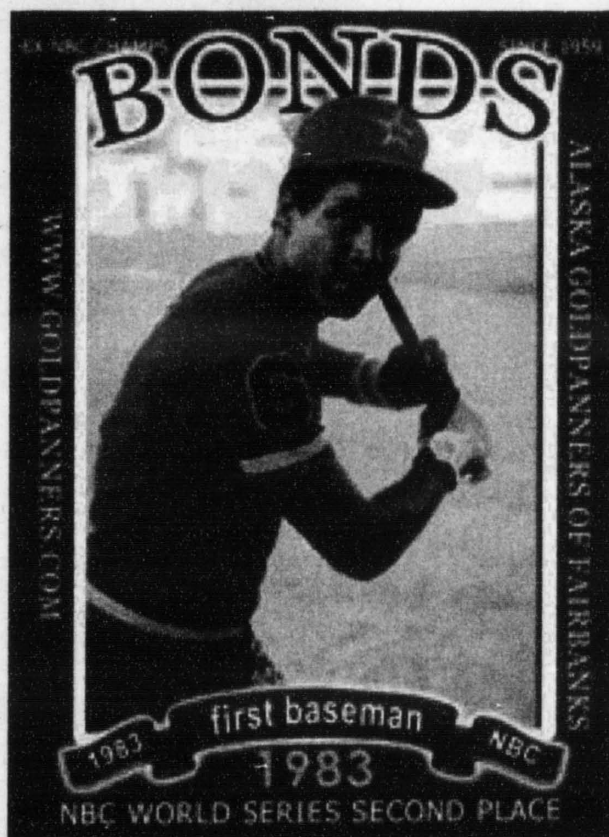


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Barry Lamar Bonds was drafted by the Pittsburgh Pirates and made his Major League debut on May 30, 1986.

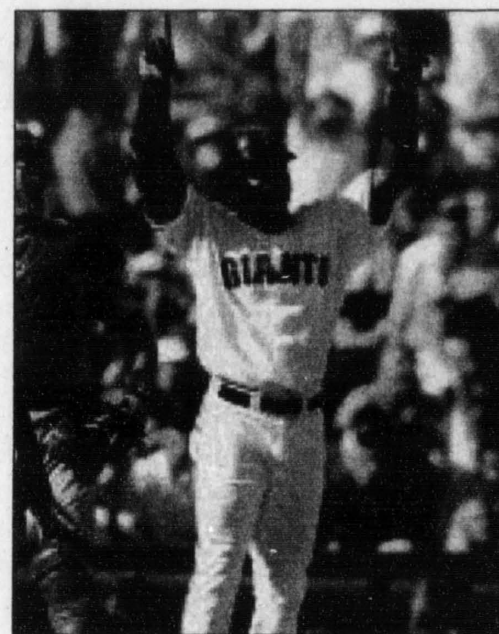
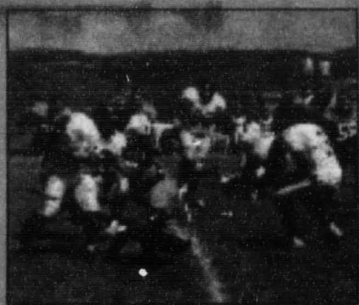


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Bonds has been one of the games elite players in each of his last 17 seasons. He shares the record for consecutive seasons with 30 homeruns (12) with Jimmie Foxx.



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2004

Mansfield University football team falls to Clarion University as they drop to 0-3 on the season

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team suffered its third loss of the season on Saturday, September 11, when they fell to the Clarion Golden Eagles 34-20 at Karl Van Norman Field. The Mounties led 10-6 at halftime, but were unable to hold the lead, as the Golden Eagles outscored Mansfield 28-10 in the second half.

The Mountaineers got off to what was easily their best start of the season, getting ten quick points in the first nine minutes of the game. Mansfield set the tone on the opening play of the game, as they used an onside kick to gain possession. The Mountaineer offense opened with a new starting quarterback, as Matt Hildebrand replaced the starter for the first two games David Fetzer. The ensuing drive went ten plays and was completed by Sean Hair's 32-yard field goal to give the Mounties a 3-0 lead.

After Clarion did nothing

on the first offensive possession, Mansfield came right back for more. The Hildebrand to Joe Bennett connection proved valuable for the Mounties on the first two possessions. The second series for Mansfield was finished off when Hildebrand found Bennett running down the left sideline for a 34-yard touchdown. Only 8:19 into the game, Mansfield led Clarion 10-0. Bennett had six catches for 86 yards and a touchdown in the first quarter alone. The score remained 10-0 after the first quarter.

Clarion had scoring opportunities midway through the first half, but each one was snuffed out by the Mounties. Late in the first quarter, the Golden Eagles drove down to the Mansfield 20-yard line but quarterback Brandon Dando was picked off by cornerback Ronnie Montgomery. Early in the second quarter Clarion moved the ball to the Mansfield 46, but the Mansfield defensive line

formed a stout wall on fourth down and one and Clarion running back Marcus Lowe was stopped for a loss.

The second quarter settled into a defensive struggle, with Clarion holding a decisive field position advantage. That advantage finally

translated to points for the Golden Eagles late in the first half. Starting from the Mansfield 31-yard line, it took Clarion only six plays to get six. Dando found Pierre Odom on a middle screen and Odom scrambled into the end zone from 17 yards away. The extra point was blocked, keeping the Mansfield lead at 10-6 at halftime.

The Mounties were unable to do anything on their first possession of the third quarter. Clarion took the ball 47 yards for their first lead of the game as Dando found tight end Dan Tucker for a one-yard touchdown. The Golden Eagles extended their lead from three to ten late in the third quarter. After a Hildebrand interception, Marcus Lowe made the Mounties pay with a five-yard touchdown run to give Clarion a 20-10 lead.

On the last play of the third quarter the Mounties were given a glimmer of hope. Montgomery intercepted his second pass of the afternoon and returned it all the way to the Golden Eagles 25-yard line. A personal foul on Clarion moved Mansfield's starting position to the Clarion 12-yard line. The Mounties were unable to take full advantage of the turnover, only getting three on Hair's second field goal of the day, a 23-yard effort to cut the lead to 20-13.

Clarion wasted no time responding, as Pierre Odom returned the ensuing kickoff 57 yards to the Mansfield 33. Lowe found the end zone once again, scampering in from 13 yards out to give the Golden Eagles a 27-13 advantage.

Mansfield got a big play on a pass to Eddie Van Buren on their next possession, but Van Buren

finished the play by fumbling the ball over to Clarion. It took one play for the Golden Eagles to deliver the dagger, when Lowe took a handoff from Dando 66 yards, breaking tackles and breaking away from Mountaineer

defenders to reach the goal line. Clarion's 34-13 lead was the biggest for either team on the day.

Fetzer came in for the Mounties and provided a quick touchdown, driving the Mounties 93 yards on nine plays. Fetzer found Corey Mishura for an 18-yard touchdown to account for the final score.

Lowe was the story in the second half for Clarion. After having only four carries in the first half, Lowe finished the day with 170 yards and three touchdowns on 14 carries. Dando was only nine of 18 for 55 yards, two touchdowns and

two interceptions.

For Mansfield, Hildebrand was 14 for 28 for 132 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. His favorite target was Bennett, who posted his best numbers of the season, catching seven balls for 92 yards and a touchdown. Preseason All-American Earnest McNeal was held to 47 yards on 22 carries. Montgomery led the defense with seven tackles and the two interceptions.

Mansfield has a bye this week. They get back into action when they play their PSAC East opener against the Kutztown Golden Bears. The game is at 1 p. m. on Sept. 25 at Kutztown.

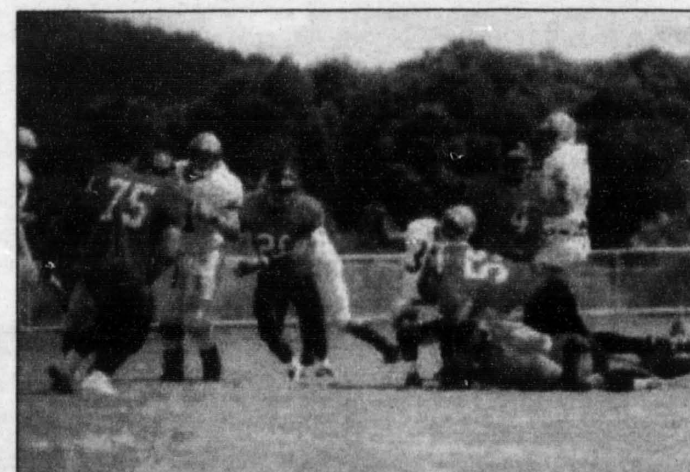


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The Mountaineers could not stop the Golden Eagles for the entire 60 minutes as they lost by a score of 34-20. Mansfield is currently in last place of the PSAC Eastern Division



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Mansfield University Andrea Turner was among the team leaders in tackles in Saturdays game against Clarion University. The linebacker ended the game with four unassisted to go along with two assisted tackles to add to his season total and team lead of 25.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
E. Stroudsburg	0-0	3-0	1.000	Shippensburg	0-0	3-0	1.000
West Chester	0-0	2-1	.667	California	0-0	2-0	1.000
Kutztown	0-0	2-1	.667	IUP	0-0	2-1	1.000
Millersville	0-0	1-1	.500	Edinboro	0-0	1-1	.500
Bloomsburg	0-0	1-1	.500	Lock Haven	0-0	1-2	.333
Cheney	0-0	0-3	.000	Clarion	0-0	1-2	.333
Mansfield	0-0	0-3	.000	Slippery Rock	0-0	1-2	.333

The Flashlight

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Relay for Life takes strides toward a cure

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Writer

The Community Service learning office and Colleges against Cancer (CAC) are currently seeking interested individuals and groups to participate in this spring's annual Relay for Life. The Mansfield University relay will be held from 10 p.m. to 10 a.m. on April 15-16 in the Kelchner Fitness Center.

Profits raised at the event benefit the American Cancer Society. Last year, the university's relay raised \$3,000. Student organizations and other teams participating find sponsors to make donations as they walk toward a cure.

Jody Hare, director of Student Organizations, Leadership, and Greek Life, coordinates the event. Hare is also the CO-chair of the Mansfield Community relay. The

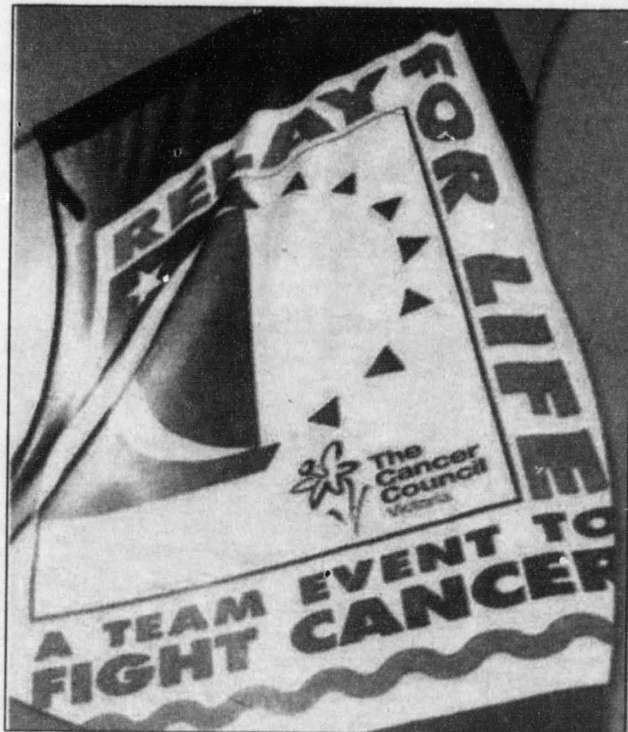


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community relay is a larger event that also raises money for the American Cancer Society.

Emilee Danielson, the Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs and the Community Service Learning Office, does a great deal in the organization of this event. Danielson suggests that students interested in this year's relay should begin planning now.

"Student organizations wanting to plan a team need to come to meetings now or contact Jody Hare or myself," said Danielson. "The meetings are very important. They are where all the planning takes place."

Aside from assembling teams to

walk laps during the relay, organizations are also asked to consider planning other forms of fundraising as well as entertainment for the event.

During the Mansfield University Relay for Life, team members take laps around the Kelchner Fitness Center track. Other fund-raisers and entertainment are set up in the center of the track where team members can break from walking. "The idea is to never stop walking, because cancer never stops," Danielson said.

The event is filled with reminders of the true meaning for the relay. Throughout the night, names of those lost are read. "I think that one of the most important things is to remember that cancer touches everyone," Danielson said. "It is very important for people to be involved when it is so prevalent in our community."

□ This year, about 29,910 deaths are anticipated in PA as a result of all types of cancer.

□ About 563,700 in the U.S. are expected to die this year due to cancer.

□ There is a 1 in 73 chance that men will develop some type of cancer by the age of 39. Women have a 1 in 52 chance of developing cancer by the same age. These are based on cancer cases from 1998-2000.

Statistics taken from www.cancer.org

Panel Encourages Student Involvement in Upcoming Election

By TOBY MOTYKA
Special to the Flashlight

A small group of speakers gathered at Straughn Auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 23 with one common goal: try to persuade the students at Mansfield University to vote.

The panel, which was scheduled to speak from 12:30-2 p.m., was part of a five hour event sponsored by the President's Commission on the Status of Women. SGA president Liz O'Dell, Tioga County Commissioner Sue Vogler, and Political Science Professor Jeff Bosworth composed the panel of three. They touched on many issues, but mainly wanted the stu-

dents attending the assembly to vote in the upcoming election.

Absentee ballot forms, registration forms, and assorted political paraphernalia such as stickers and pins were available to students and faculty in the lobby.

O'Dell was the first to speak, giving the ten worst excuses why not to vote in the upcoming election.

"I don't vote because my father and brother vote for me," was the worst excuse, according to O'Dell. She also gave members of the audience another reason to vote. "Vote on Nov. 2, or give up your right to complain for four years," O'Dell said.

Next to speak was Sue

Vogler, the first woman elected Tioga County Commissioner. She

won the position by running her own campaign with no outside contributions. Vogler encouraged audience members not just to vote in the upcoming presidential election, but also to get involved in local government elections.

Professor Bosworth

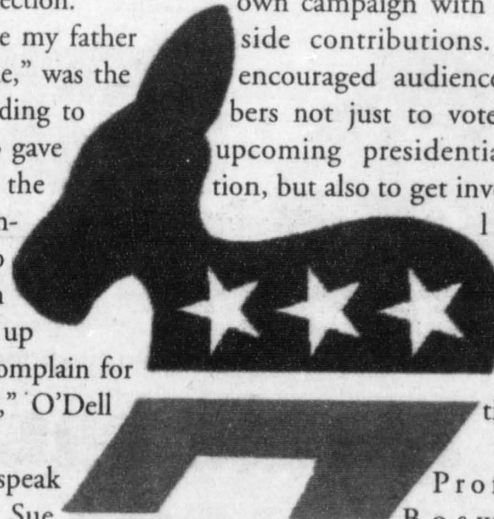
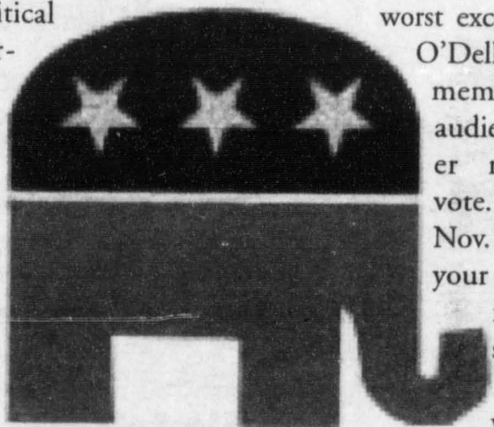
spoke last and explained why the majority of women in this year's

election appear to be voting Republican, the opposite of what has occurred in the past 20 years or so.

Bosworth gave four reasons for the change in the women's vote including the events of 9/11, Bush's campaign strategy with regards to domestic issues, his campaign strategy with the War on terrorism, and John Kerry's campaign strategy.

"Kerry has to do more than criticize, he has to offer an alternative," said Bosworth.

Questions were fielded later by the panel, giving students and faculty ample opportunity to discuss thoughts they had on the upcoming election.



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Today's Weather



Partly cloudy with
a 0% chance of
precipitation.

High: 65° Low: 46°

Information taken from weather.com

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **The Admissions staff is currently seeking friendly, enthusiastic students to conduct campus tours.** For more information, call Tam Soderberg at 662-4814. Training will be provided. Students interested in conducting tours must be available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Interested in a weekend service trip to Philadelphia, PA?** On Friday, Oct. 22-Sunday, Oct. 24, Courtney Murphy Hull, Catholic Campus Minister, will be taking a group of MU students to volunteer their time at a soup kitchen. To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

★ **WNTF-FM invites you to join the crew.** Meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 317 A.H.U.B. All majors are welcome.

★ **ATTENTION EDUCATION & SPECIAL ED MAJORS!** A workshop, Many Faces of Diversity: Resources, Strategies, & Curriculum, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Mansfield University's Retan Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., presented by Mr. Rick Lucero, Dr. Kathleen Carico, and Dr. Jan Minetola. Lunch will be provided.

Through personal stories and workshops, you will learn how diversity extends beyond race and ethnicity and how to integrate diversity-sensitive concepts into curricula.

This workshop will be especially useful to those of you who are already teaching or who are currently student teaching. Attendees may qualify for ACT 48 credit.

Registration cost is \$50. Registration is due by Oct. 9.

For more info, contact the professors above or Lindsey Sikorski at 662-4808

★ **PRSSA welcomes all majors.** Meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 317 of A.H.U.B. The Public Relations Student Society hopes to give its members insight into how the field of Public Relations work by giving them hands on experience in community and university projects.

POLICE BEAT



September 18, 2004-THEFT- Between Sept. 18 at 7 a.m. and Sept. 16 at 6 p.m. unknown person(s) removed a Pioneer stereo/cd system from a vehicle parked in the T parking lot. Anyone with information is encouraged to contact the Mansfield University Police Department at 662-4900.

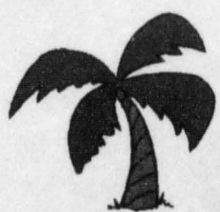


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FRIDAY



Showers with a 20% chance of precipitation.

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MONDAY



Showers with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 65° Low: 45°

SATURDAY



Mostly sunny with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 69° Low: 47°

TUESDAY



Sunny with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 64° Low: 44°

SUNDAY



Scattered Showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

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Partly Cloudy with 0% chance of precipitation.

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BSU dresses to impress

By LIZ WELSHANS

Flashlight Writer

This weekend is not only Homecoming, but it is also the Black Students Union's 3rd Annual Fashion Show. The show will be held Saturday, Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. in Straughn Auditorium.

The Black Students Union, also known as BSU, is an organization that promotes cultural awareness to the campus. There is no particular theme to the show.

The members will be dressed in all styles from punk to prep. The show is a display of individuality and creativeness. Each scene will illustrate how the models see them-

selves through their style and attire.

Latasha Lipscomb, is one of the chairpersons for the show. "We are portraying our personalities through our colorful and unique clothing," Lipscomb said.

BSU is hoping to use the show profits toward a trip to the PBOCHE, the Pennsylvania Black Conference on Higher Education. Members and students can gain further knowledge concerning cultural awareness at the conference.

"Many of our students have not been to a conference for higher education," said Lipscomb. "The conference will help them to develop themselves as industrious stu-

dents as well as people."

In the past, BSU has had fashion shows, but it was not until the current president, Akirah Bradley, came into office that the event was revitalized. Bradley chooses a member to chair the fashion show and make the majority of the decisions. He or she then collaborates with the guidelines Bradley has mapped out.

This year's committee includes Latasha Lipscomb, Ariella Bradley, and Laurialle Stanton. Their jobs include the general organization of the fashion show, recruiting models, choosing music, and assigning hosts. The hosts of this year's event are Sherri Fisher, Khineesha Johnson, and Na'eem Douglas. Tickets are \$1 for all MU students and \$2 for all non-students. Tickets will be sold at the door. All Mansfield University students are welcome to model or participate backstage.

"We hope to get many students out this year to support BSU. It is a great event and fun for everyone. We just want to give MU students a different experience. Change is good," Bradley said.

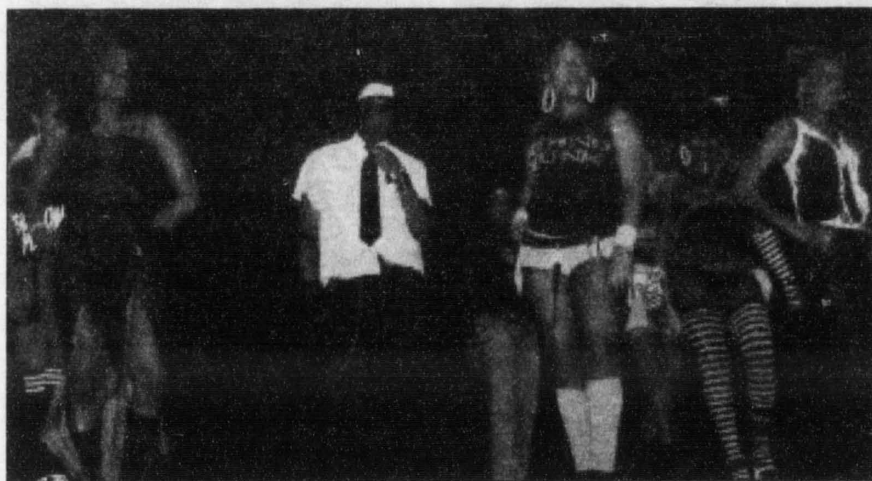


PHOTO BY AMY KENDIG

BSU models clothing designs from punk to prep at their annual show.

Homecoming: Back to the 70s & 80s

Alumni, family and friends will return to Mansfield University to celebrate Homecoming 2004 on Oct. 1-3. This year's theme is "Back to the 70s & 80s".

Highlighting Friday's schedule will be the Athletic Hall of Fame reception dinner and induction ceremony at 5:30 p.m. in the Manser North Dining Hall. This year's inductees are John Michael Cook, former coach Tom Costello, Carl Lindquist, Duane MacDonald, and James Platt, in the Legends category.

A pep rally will be held on the Student Mall at 8:30 p.m. followed by Elix Brown in concert.

Registration for the Homecoming golf tournament at Corey Creek Golf Club begins at 8 a.m. and play starts at 8:45 a.m. For more information call (570)662-4636.

Saturday, the Homecoming parade will make its way down Main Street at 10 a.m.

The alumni tent party will take place from 11 a.m. to kickoff at Karl Van Norman Field where the Mountaineers take on Lock Haven at 1 p.m. The cost of the alumni tent party is \$3 per person, due by Monday, Sept. 27. To RSVP or for more information call (570)662-4853 or 4292.

Before the game, the Athletic Hall of Fame class of 2004 will be introduced to the crowd. At halftime the homecoming queen and king will be crowned and "The Spirit & Pride of Pennsylvania" Mansfield University

Marching Band will perform.

The field hockey team will also be home Saturday to face Slippery Rock at noon on Spaulding Field.

The MU Music Department will present its annual Prism Concert in Steadman Theatre at 8 p.m. on Saturday and at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Tickets will be available at the door.

North Hall will be open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and noon-5 p.m. on Saturday.

The bookstore will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Saturday.

The Kelchner Fitness Center will be open and free to all alumni on both Friday and Saturday.

For a full schedule of events check online at mansfield.edu under "Special Events."



SPECIAL TO THE FLASHLIGHT

The 2003 Homecoming court at Van Norman Field.

Theocracy Watch visits MU

By ERIC RHODES

Special to the Flashlight

Mansfield University invited Joan Bokaer, Executive Director of Theocracy Watch, to speak on campus on Sept. 22. Theocracy Watch is a movement devoted to educate the public about the rise of religious extremism in the U.S. government.

Bokaer conducted a PowerPoint presentation which almost solely focused on the Republican Party and their religious as well as political beliefs. Bokaer showed how for the past 30 years, Republicans have made it a point to "Rule the World for God". Rule the World for God was quoted by 700 Club host, Pat Robertson, who also ran for President in 1988 as part of the Republican Party.

Other examples Bokaer shared focused on the Republican Party of Texas. The Texas Party thinks the IRS should be abolished because they feel the Internal Revenue Service is biblical. The Texas Party also thinks all taxes, except for flat taxes are unbiblical.

On this issue, Bokaer made the comment that if America only had to pay flat taxes, the poor would be poorer and the rich, wealthier. Pennsylvania's own Senator, Rick Santorum, as well as the Texas Republican party feel that homosexuality should be a crime and jail time for gays is a fit punishment. In one of Bokaer's slides, Senator Santorum is quoted saying, "If it is alright to have sex with a partner of the same sex, then bigotry, incest, and racism should be acceptable too".

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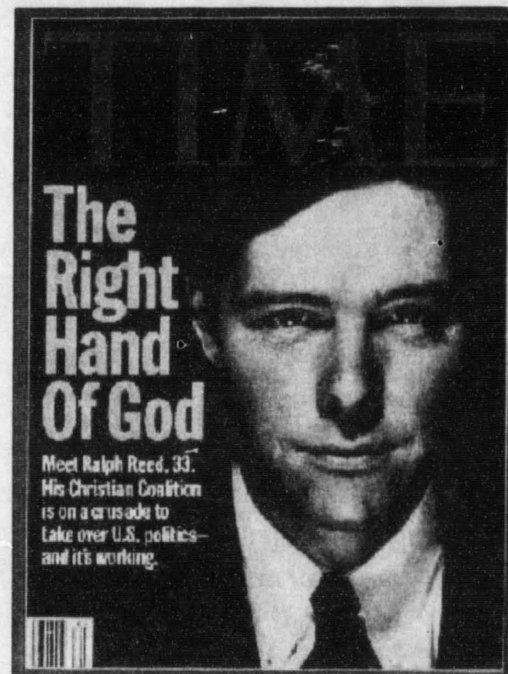


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Time Magazine, in May, 1995, called Ralph Reed "The Right Hand of God" and credited the Christian Coalition with giving the Republicans their victories.

guests at the speech, an insert had the Texas Republican Party quoted saying, "We support the abolition of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the position of Surgeon General, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Departments of Energy, Housing and Urban Development, Health and Human Services, Education, Commerce, and Labor. We also call for the defunding or abolition of the National Endowment for the Arts and the Public Broadcasting Service".

During Bokaer's presentation, she presented the audience with some statistics that showed how Republicans try to combine religion and politics. In 1994, 40 million voter guides were sent to more than 100,000 churches. In 2000, the number soared to 70 million voter guides sent to churches.

If anyone is interested in learning more about Theocracy Watch, their website is www.theocracy.org.

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Women's Studies Program Presents Two Special Events

The Mansfield University Women's Studies program will sponsor two special events in October.

On Thursday, Oct. 14, 7:30 p.m. in Steadman Theatre, the Women's Studies program and the Mansfield University Foundation will present *A Woman, Ain't I? Sojourner Truth* as recreated by Kathryn Woods.

Woods uses the former slave's own words and the spiritual music she may have sung to recreate this inspiring woman. The program joins Sojourner Truth at the end of her life. She recalls her early days as a slave, details her relationship with God, and shares poignant stories of her days walking through this land.

Woods has acted in Boston for many years. Her credits include performances with Theatreworks, People's Theatre, The Wheelock Family Theatre and the Underground Railway Theatre. She has also performed in Moscow and at the

Edinburgh Arts Festival.

There will also be an informal gathering and reception with the actress at 3 p.m. in the North Hall Traditional Reading Room.

On Wednesday, Oct. 20 at 4 p.m., Miriam Grace Monfredo, author of *North Star Conspiracy* and *Seneca Falls Inheritance* will speak in Alumni Hall, Room 307. Monfredo's talk is entitled "Women as Social Force".

Her appearance is co-sponsored by the office of the Associate Provost.

Her speech will be followed by a book signing and light refreshments. There will also be the opportunity to meet Monfredo at an informal gathering in the



North Hall Traditional Reading Room at 2 p.m. "These speakers address issues very pertinent to our civic engagement theme for this year as well as the opening of the Frederick

Douglass Institute," Denise Seigart, director of MU's Women's Studies program, said. "We hope that people will come and enjoy these very engaging talks and performances."

What in the world

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

WORLD

GONAIVES, Haiti – Six days after Tropical Storm Jeanne hit the city it has been confirmed that more than 1,100 people were killed and 1,250 are missing with the numbers still rising. In the northwest province 250,000 people were left homeless and desperate for food and water. Several nations are sending aid and The International Federation of Red Cross and Crescent Societies have asked for \$3.3 million to help with relief operations.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – Sept. 22 officials notified the family of Jack Hensley that his body had been found by Iraqi police. Hensley, Eugene Armstrong, and Briton Bigley were kidnapped the previous week in Baghdad. The men were working for Gulf Supplies and Commercial Services, a United Arab Emirates company which was helping with Iraqi reconstruction. Bigley is still being held captive and has been video-

taped pleading with British Prime Minister Tony Blair to help him.

JERUSALEM, Israel – Sept. 23 three Palestinian men reached an Israeli Army outpost in Gaza and killed three soldiers before they themselves were killed. Two of the gunmen were killed immediately. The third man managed to hide behind a greenhouse. When reporters were called to the scene he opened fire and injured one reporter, shooting him in the leg. He was killed immediately by Israeli soldiers who then discovered the man had planted a bomb.

BAGHDAD, Iraq – A form of Hepatitis that is especially dangerous for pregnant women has broken out in two of Iraq's most troubled areas. Iraqi health officials believe the cause of the outbreaks to be the collapse of water and sewage systems. In Sadr City there have been over 155 cases reported, in Mahmudiya there have been as many as 60 cases reported. Nine pregnant women are infected and five people have died already.

BERLIN, Germany – A woman attacked a controversial art exhibition on Sept. 23 in the Hamburger Bahnhof museum where Friedrich Christian Flick's collection was opened earlier that day. The woman began doing handsprings and hurled herself into the display punching her arms through it. She then ran across the room pushing over a spray-painted truck bending back the roof. Police arrived shortly after and took the woman into custody.



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LATROBE, Pa. – President Bush returned to Pennsylvania, which has been defined as a crucial swing state, on Sept. 22 where he spoke to students and teachers in King of

Prussia early in the day. Mr. Bush has visited Pennsylvania 37 times since taking office, and Mr. Kerry has visited 16 times since March. The most recent polls show a close race between the two candidates.

Sept. 25 – Lee Malvo, one of the two men who terrorized the Washington region in Oct. 2002 with sniper shootings. He has agreed to plead guilty to two shootings in Virginia. Malvo was convicted of killing Linda Franklin in December and was sentenced to life in prison. He was planning on appealing but might consider dropping the appeal as a result of the plea agreement.

CLEVELAND, Ohio – Cleveland has been ranked No. 1 on the U.S. Census Bureau's poverty list with a poverty rate of 31.3 percent. After an apparent rebound Cleveland is on the decline again. This past year the city laid off hundreds of police officers and firefighters and also reduced city services. The city's schools are also struggling after losing hundreds of teachers.

SEATTLE, Wash. – Two Forest Service workers, Matthew Ramige and Jodee Hogg, emerged from the Montana wilderness on Sept. 22 after a plane crash where they were presumed dead. Three others died in the crash but Ramige and Hogg managed to survive two nights together in the woods. When they were discovered their families were already making funeral arrangements. Hogg was in stable condition on Thursday and Ramige was in serious condition but improving.

FALMOUTH, Mass. – For the first time in the Atlantic Ocean researchers tagged a 15-foot great white shark. They attached a satellite tracking device which will allow them to monitor the shark's activities. The shark was first spotted on Sept. 21 in shallow waters off of Cape Cod. It has remained in the same general area since then, researchers are hoping that it will make its way back to open water on its own.

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Your vote does count

By DANIELLE CASE

Flashlight Writer

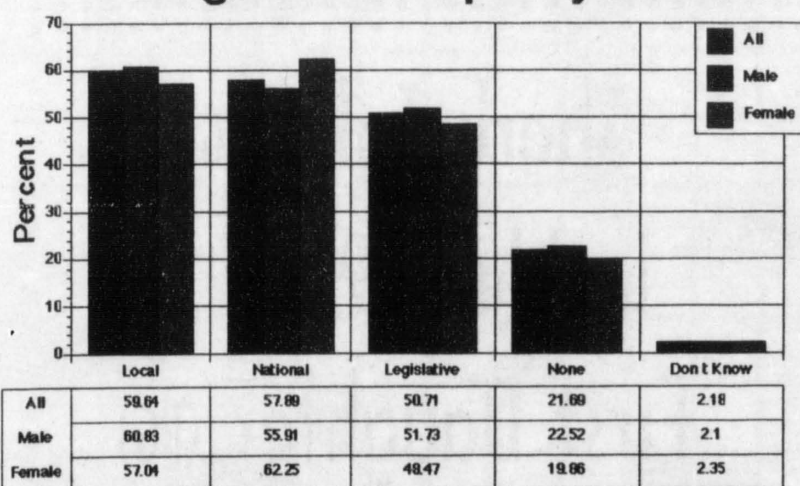
In this time where the media portrays the upcoming election to be the "most important election in a century," it seems that on the Mansfield campus that some are not treating it as such. "I am voting for whoever will legalize weed," said one of 20 Mansfield university students that I interviewed; "I am voting for Bush, because he 'seems' the best one," said another.

Indeed, with issues ranging from the ongoing war in Iraq, a shaky economy, and the global war on terrorism, it seems that voting just on the basis of whether or not the candidate will support legalized marijuana, or just on a candidate's appearance may not be the best idea. Yet another interviewee stated: "I don't vote because elections are crap." In response to that statement I must ask, what would America be without our elections? The whole point of elections is to change what we don't like about the previous administration, or other local issues. Granted, given the tone of the campaign, it is no wonder that people's views of politics aren't that high. I think former president Bill Clinton said it best:

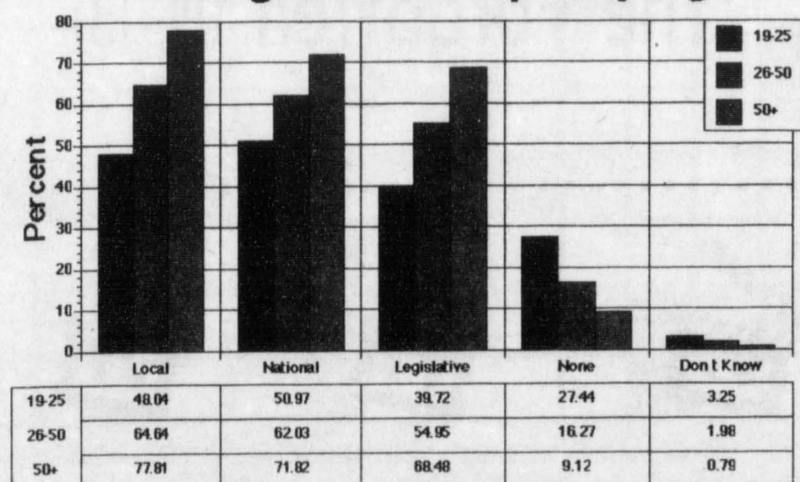
"No wonder Americans hate politics when, year in and year out, they hear politicians make promises that won't come true because they don't even mean them - campaign fantasies that win elections but don't get nations moving again." In spite of our distaste for the mudslinging, and the party line rhetoric, these people who downplay the political process should see that nothing changes unless you do your part. This includes looking at the facts about candidates, and their potential policies. Although people think that taking the time to do this is a waste, it is definitely not. It is a duty that every American should take part in. If everyone doesn't take part in the process, then all of our voices will not be heard. In the 2000 election, only 156,421,311 of the 205,815,000 people able to vote were actually registered, and only 105,586,274 actually turned out at the polls to vote.

It really is important to go out there and vote, but it is also important to know about the person for whom you are voting. If a person takes nothing else from this election, they should at least know it is important to get one's vote out there. Remember, your vote does count.

Voting Behavior split by Gender



Voting Behavior split by Age



Film review: *The Forgotten*

By SHANI ALSTON

The Pitt News

The loss of a child is always a terrible tragedy. But would forgetting that the child ever existed be a worse fate? This question is at the center of the plot of "The Forgotten," a complex thriller that takes one grieving mother from coping with psychological problems to supernatural ones.

It's been 14 months since Telly Perreta's (Julianne Moore) 9-year-old boy died with some other children in a plane crash on his way to summer camp. Every day she visits her shrine for her son, which contains photos and home videos — anything she can use to keep his memory alive.

Life goes on as normally as Telly can manage until all the mementos of her son disappear. Naturally, she is shocked and soon hysterical, until her psychiatrist (Gary Sinise) and husband (Anthony Edwards) sit her down and tell her that her son never existed. All those years, she was creating false memories of his existence. She made him up.

However, that's not the whole story. While it would be interesting to see how Telly would cope with the realization that her son is fictional, the movie pushes reality past that theory in a creepy and mostly believable way. The movie switches gears from psychological drama to sci-fi thriller.

After Telly refuses to believe the diagnosis, she runs to the father of a little girl who died in the same plane crash, Ash (Dominic West), but he doesn't remember his daughter or Telly. It

becomes clear that this is not a simple case of mass amnesia when federal agents start pursuing Telly and Ash. The rest of a movie is a series of surprising twists and some predictable turns, but the story travels quickly to its emotional, though slightly unsatisfying ending.

The unlikely thriller tries to throw a lot of ideas into a 90-minute time frame. There's the grief of losing a child, the many foot chases through New York City by police, a possible romance between Ash and Telly, and an even greater possibility of some alien beings controlling life on earth from a distant place in the sky. In order to keep this all within the same movie, the story has to be tight, and the acting has to reflect this.

While the story poses more questions than answers, especially in the end, the acting in "The Forgotten" really carries the story. Moore plays a grieving mother without being too melodramatic and sells the audience on the unusual mystery by making her character believe so strongly that her son did exist. West is convincing opposite Moore, charming with his sympathetic eyes and providing some much-needed comic relief throughout the movie. Sinise is a comforting presence in the movie, both through his subdued acting and the role of his character.



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The thriller *The Forgotten* earned over 22 million dollars last weekend.

The movie is captured beautifully against the backdrop of New York. The cinematography is interesting because it switches between the dark, sinister scenes of Telly's search for the truth and the strangely bright scenes containing her memories of her son.

The special effects used cause a few wonderfully frightening moments in the movie. Also, the sparse use of these special effects allows the audience to focus on the characters in the movie and try to solve the mystery along with them.

"The Forgotten" is a sci-fi thriller with a lot of motherly love, so it's safer than the average thriller. Still, the movie has its heart-thumping scenes and enough excitement to keep the questions about what happened going even after the film ends. So it could spark a long conversation afterward or frustrate the viewer and have them cursing at the credits. Either way, this intriguing movie is pretty entertaining and might be worth the ticket money just so you can form your own.

From Russia with love...

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

Another week has gone by and there's so much I've seen of Volgograd! This past week the group of exchange students went on a boat ride down the Volga River at sunset. We saw the entire city from the water, lit up, noisy, bustling with life. It was an incredible sight to see for us.

One of the most famous things about the city is Mamayev Corgan, "Mother Russia" in English. This monument is one of the largest in the world, standing taller than the Statue of Liberty minus the pedestal.

All of the exchange students were there: eight Americans, seven Austrians, one German and a Norwegian. We climbed up many, many stairs until we

got to the final staircase: 221 stairs, one for each day the battle of Stalingrad lasted.

As we walked past walls with soldiers carved into them, I couldn't help but feel a surge of emotion run through me. Each design was carved with such care and a great sense of Russian pride.

Next, we passed through a building that serves as a memorial for soldiers lost in battle, an eternal flame with guards standing attendance that is much like The Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Washington, D.C.

As we got closer to Mamayev Corgan, everything seemed more moving than the last. I found myself standing in front of an enormous statue of a mother cradling her son who had died in battle and was moved to tears.

The son's face is covered and was designed this way so everyone

would be able to relate to the sense of loss the mother must have felt. It was such a beautiful tribute to those lost in battle. I couldn't help but feel that no matter what country we're in or where we're from, we all have at least one thing in common: we all know the feeling of losing a loved one.

At long last we reached Mamayev Hill and climbed to the top. Not only is she one of the most beautiful sights I've ever seen but the view is amazing! Mamayev Corgan was built at the highest point of the city, overlooking each district all around her with the glistening Volga in the background. I don't know how our stay can get much better than this, but I anticipate every moment. Until next time, da svidanya!

From a Journeyman to an Educator

By GARY M. KENYON

Special to the Flashlight

After a twenty-year career in the Navy, Gordon West decided to return to school. He is a History Education major here at Mansfield University, scheduled to graduate in May 2007. An education degree is secondary to his real passion, however. His main ambition is to teach Industrial Arts, a field he has extensive experience in from his Navy career (1983 - 2003).

West worked primarily as an aviation metalsmith, which involves both internal and external damage repairs aboard ship, maintenance of all fluid lines (hydraulic, etc.), and changing tires on aircraft. On board ship there is no handy hardware store to go to for needed parts; if they aren't on hand in Supply, they must be fabricated from stock on board.

West alternated sea duty with shore duty, usually consisting of six months at sea and at least a year on shore. Due to his aviation specialty,

West served on the carriers the America, the Coral Sea, and the Teddy Roosevelt. His shore duty stations were in places as varied as Keflavick, Iceland; Norfolk, Virginia; and Brunswick, Maine. While at Brunswick, he spent three years as a survival-training instructor.

To prepare for this assignment, he attended a six-week instructor school, followed by two months as an instructor-under-training. This was followed by a written and verbal exam, and then an appearance before a final board. During his service as a survival-training instructor, West trained people from the Army, Marines, and Air Force, as well as civilians for Arctic expeditions.

According to West, work as an aviation metalsmith is very strenuous particularly for the back, arms and hands, and a career almost certainly will produce a certain degree of physical disability. The work of changing



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The USS Coral Sea with a fully loaded flight deck

aircraft tires, maintaining fluid lines, and replacing worn parts is physically taxing, and long years of such work can almost certainly produce a certain amount of disability. That is true for him, but he credits his military career with instilling in him such qualities as discipline, goal setting and achievement, and the value of teamwork. "I think I have a more rounded view of people and life," West said, "because of my experiences working with people from all sorts of backgrounds."

West grew up in Tioga County, which made choosing Mansfield University easy for him after he decided to return to school. Besides being close to home, he likes that MU is a small college. He cited the friendliness of the students, staff and faculty. "Mansfield University works hard," he said, "to accommodate veterans and make them feel welcome."

His military experience qualified him for a journeyman's license, which he anticipates converting into a teaching certificate for Industrial Arts. "I can no longer do the work," he said, "but I can

teach it." Rather than rely solely on that, West decided to pursue a degree in Education with a focus on History. A teaching degree is a natural choice for him, given his experience as an instructor, but that experience isn't limited to just his military duties; he also has worked with a youth fellowship program and served as a Sunday school teacher.

West is studying under the Veterans Administration's Chapter 31 (voc/rehab) program, application for which is open to veterans with a service-connected disability. For accepted veterans, the VA pays for books, fees, supplies and tuition, and supplies a monthly stipend while the semester is in session, but once started, time limitations apply. After he earns his degree in education, West plans to convert his journeyman's license to a teaching certificate for Industrial Arts. West said, "I see teaching as a way of putting something back, and not just saying I have done my career and will just take it easy."

Music Review: Green Day

Michael Peters

Flashlight Sports Editor

Ten years ago, a trio of relatively unknown punks from Berkley Ca. released an album that would re-invent punk rock and change the music world. The album was entitled *Dookie*. The band was Green Day.

In 1994, Green Day influenced many bands to make music with their third album. *Dookie*, one of the highest grossing albums of all time sold over 10 million copies in its first five years. The 10-time platinum record inspired many young fans to step into the realm of the punk rock sound, this writer included. If not for Green Day, punk rock would not resemble the punk rock we know of today.

Ten years later, Green Day is back and possibly better than ever with *American Idiot*.

This album is unlike anything I have heard before. The California trio gives musicality a new definition. *American Idiot*, referred to by many critics, as well as the bands lead singer Billie Joe Armstrong, a "Punk Opera."

American Idiot, which is nearly

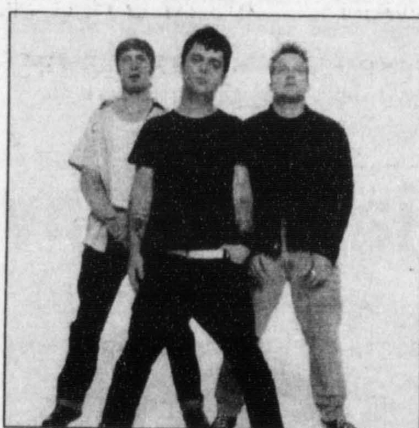


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twice as long as the average Green Day record at 57:18, is nearly one continuous sound. The term concept album comes to mind when I listen to the new record. In a concept album, all songs contribute to a single effect or unified story. Pink Floyd is synonymous with concept albums. Green Day on the other hand, is not.

Green Day, a major player of the 90s barrage of alternative rock bands were often labeled "three-chord Charlie's," rendering them inept of any musical talent. 1997's release, *Nimrod* silenced many of those critics with the powerful ballad, "Good Riddance (Time of Your Life)." Green Day, again in

2000 with *Warning*, further removed the stigma of "three-chord Charlie." The band included additional instrumentation as well as a stronger variety of sounds and styles in their music.

If there was any doubt to their musical talent before *American Idiot*, believe me, it is gone now. These 13 hypnotizing tracks will have any music fan, stomping their feet to the beat and singing along to the harmonies provided by Armstrong, bassist Mike Dirnt and percussionist Tre Cool. I say percussionist rather than drummer because Cool does much more than play his trap set on this record.

The album begins with the song most Americans indulged in the music world have heard many times; the title-track "American Idiot." "Idiot" takes a shot at the American Government, in particular President George W. Bush. Armstrong has been quoted as saying Bush is "One of the worst presidents the United States has ever had." The song is much more political than anything Green Day has ever written.

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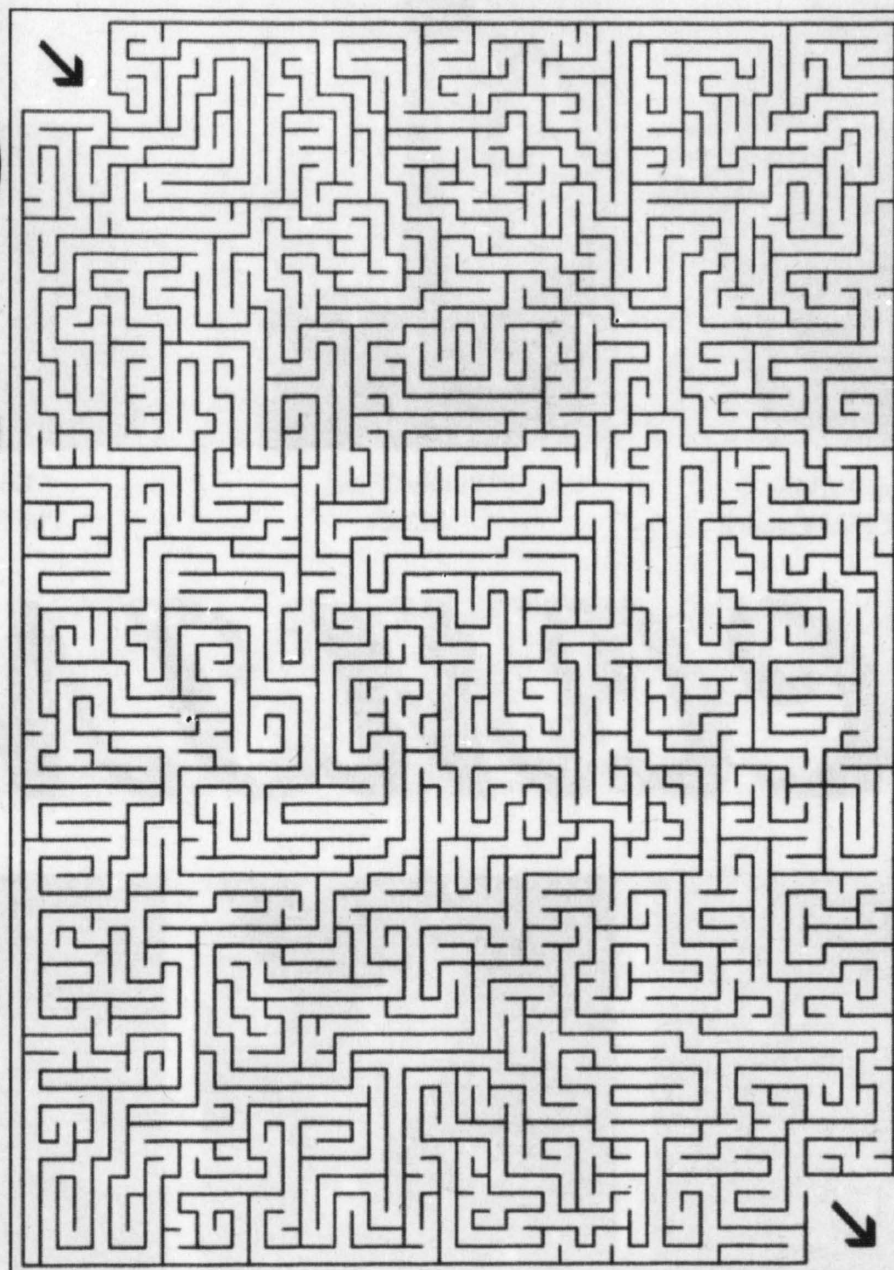
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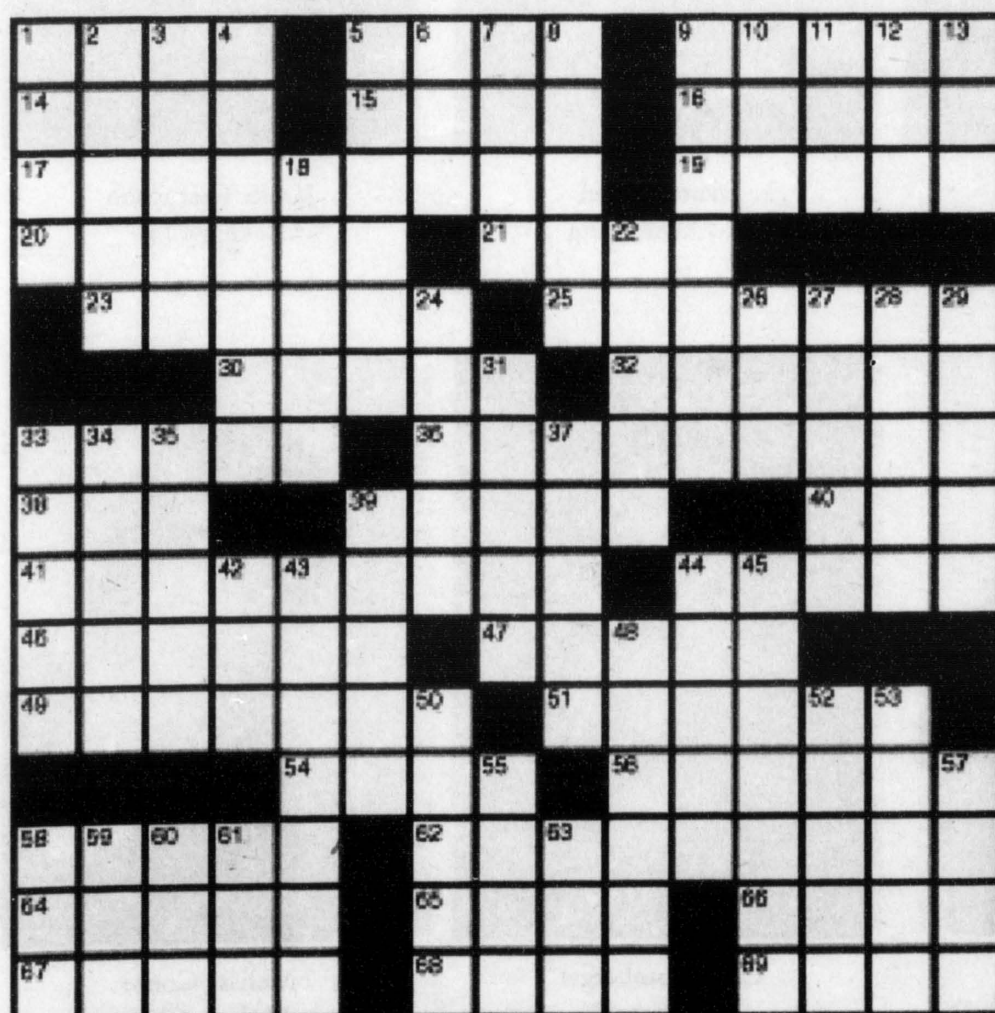
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9. Analyze syntactically
14. Greek god of Love
15. Menu commonly next to "File"
16. Happen
17. Shower item
19. Contract granting use
20. Steroid alcohol
21. North Hall Library at night
23. Attract
25. Chatty next door neighbor
30. Uttered a high pitch cry
32. Spread negative information
33. Type of candy Star _____
36. Gum of the acacia tree
38. Columbus' find
39. Proceeding from the pope
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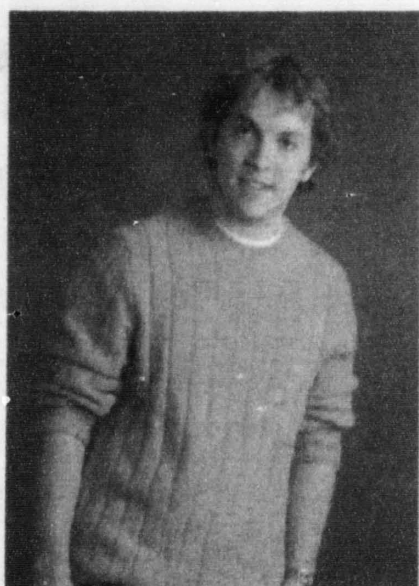
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3. Furniture store
4. Religious retreats, India
5. Loud utterance
6. Shakespeare's "Much _____ About Nothing"
7. Chomp
8. Colorless liquid used as an inhalation anesthetic
9. Chemical compound
10. High card
11. Red, white, and yellow inputs
12. Genus of the Suidae
13. Before
18. Belonging to Hailey
22. Mansfield, in general
24. Befitting a supreme ruler
26. Egg cell
27. Like a rib
28. British poet, winner of the Nobel
29. Terminal section of the alimentary canal
31. Consisting of two parts, pairs.
33. Brady _____
34. Virgorish
35. Strip of it's possession
37. Indefinite answer
39. Video game "Max _____"
42. Cigarette ingredient
43. Daydream
44. Bad roommate emotion
45. The _____ Duo
48. Lewd lookers
50. Leather strap for punishing children
52. Reproductive structure
53. Clean freak enemies
55. New Zealand forest tree
57. Three handed card name
58. As named at another time or place
59. Local Area Network
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61. Equal to 10 decibels
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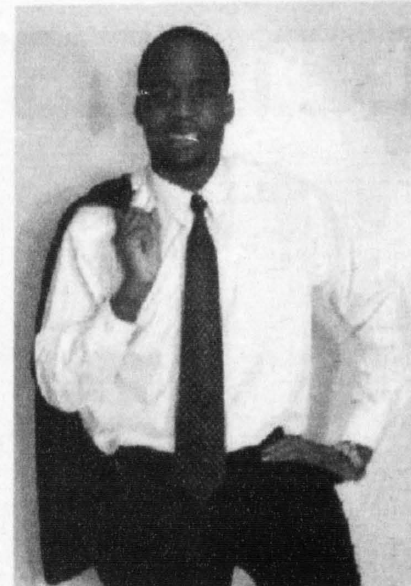
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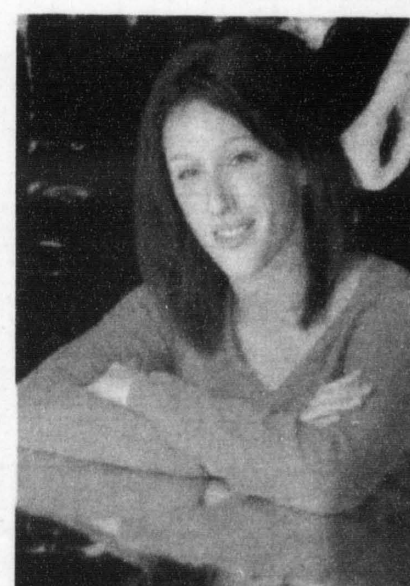
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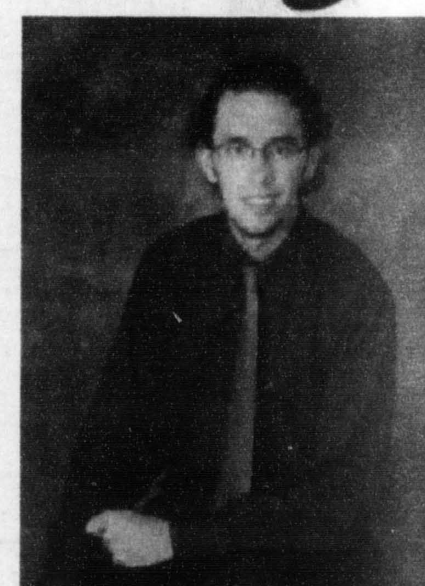
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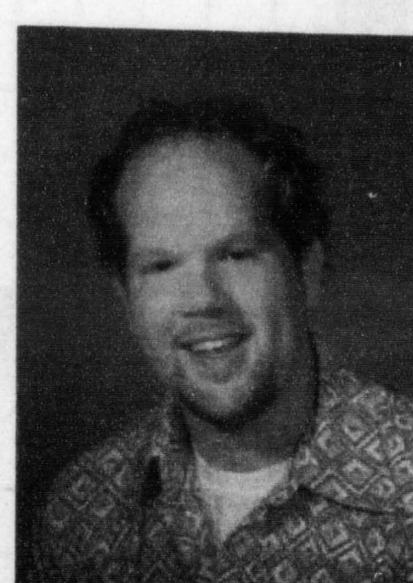
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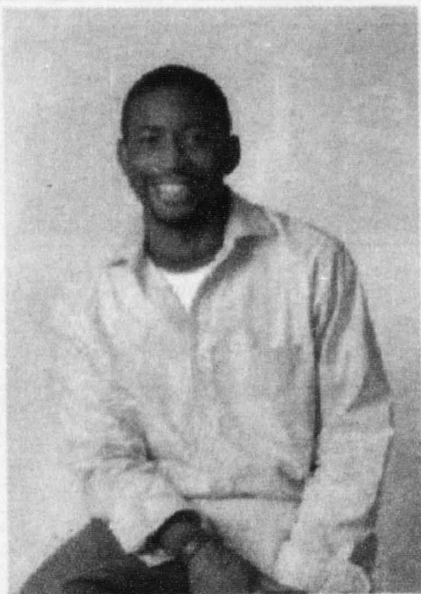
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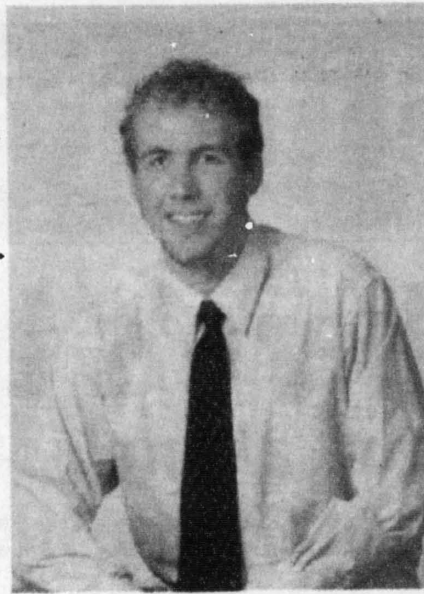
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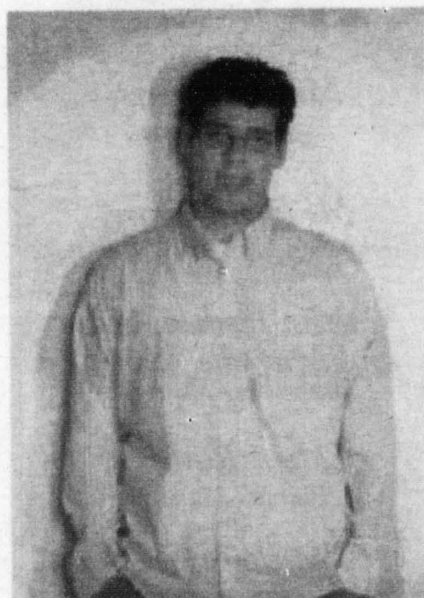


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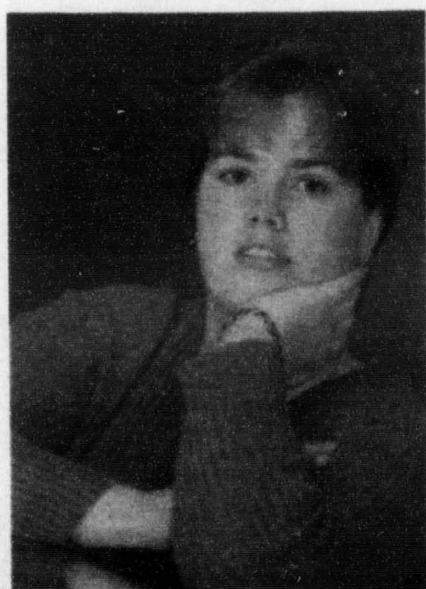


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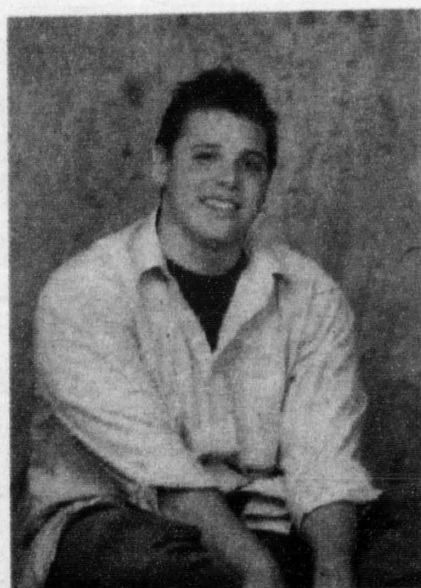


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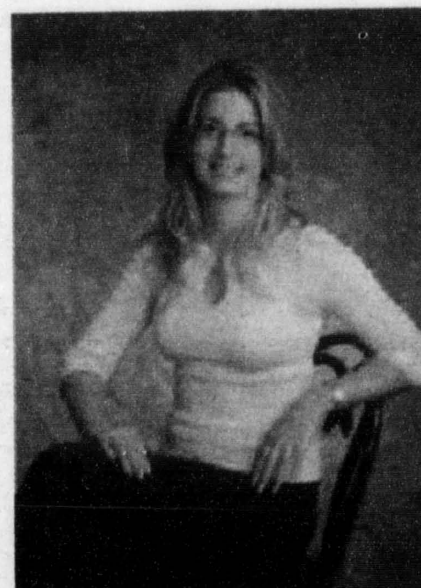
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Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"

"From the editors desk"

Dude, where's the bar?

Why going out alone is a risk for college students who like to party

By THERESA BENNER
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

The following story is a case-study example on why moderation and personal safety are important topics, even to college students:

My Boyfriend had just got done telling me how he couldn't see well without his contacts in when I had to yell at him to stop the car because there was something in the road. More specifically, there was a body in the road.

Having just watched the horror-comedy *Shaun of the Dead*, my first thought was that the undead had ravaged Mansfield and that this individual was probably a zombie. But after a second of deliberation and observation, I concluded that the student had passed out from intoxication.

The individual, sprawled out from the curb to the middle lane, lie motionless in the side-streets of Mansfield.

We quickly drove home to call for medical assistance, and I to find a blunt object just in case it really was a zombie, but the individual was gone when we returned.

There are three important lessons that can be

learned from this tiny incident. One being, it isn't safe to drive without your contacts in, or ride with anyone who doesn't have the proper prescription lenses on; shame on us. The second lesson learned is simply, don't watch zombie movies late at night if you're overly paranoid like me.

The third lesson is a bit more important. I'm not trying to be preachy, and I'm not suggesting that anyone not go out, have fun or socialize. I AM going to suggest that we not party to the point of passing out in the road.

I know that I'm making assumptions about the situation. Perhaps the individual fell from their own clumsiness, or even more unfortunately, from a medical condition they couldn't control. In any case, walking alone when you run the risk of passing out is unwise.

Having been an R.A. for two years, I've seen a number of unfortunate accidents associated with alcohol, many that would not have happened if the individuals involved had not been alone. I know everyone is sick of the "drink responsibly" speech, but please take care of yourselves. Walking while intoxicated is more advisable than driving, but walking by yourself

is nearly as stupid, especially when we as a university have seen first hand the effects of rape and sexual violence.

I feel as though I'm just restating the obvious, but perhaps a reminder now and then is important. While going out can be fun, and drunken mishaps often looked upon as funny, they can be permanently damaging as well.

Top tips for safer partying
from www.healthaction.org

1. Go partying with people you can rely on and stick together.
2. Rest and eat before and between partying.
3. Tell someone you trust where you are going and what you are doing.
4. Let someone know when you are leaving and find a safe way home.
5. If you or somebody you know feels sick do not leave or let them leave alone.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you feel that college students put themselves at risk too often?
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Political Commentary:

Presidential battle of wits...seriously

By ZACH DuBORD

Flashlight Writer

As the days go by and we get ever so closer to the fateful November 2nd elections, the candidates are gearing up for heavy campaigning as time runs out. The beginning of the rush to Election Day gets its start this Thursday when presidential candidates Kerry and Bush square off in the first of a series of presidential debates. The first debate is set to take place in Florida, home of Governor Jeb Bush. This comes as another delightful treat to the people of Florida who have already suffered through several hurricanes only to be further damned with a locust-like influx of politicians. It really must feel like the apocalypse now.

Perhaps the selection of Florida was agreed upon to ward off any possible repeat of the 2000 election that gave George W. Bush the presidency. After all, it is possible that his performance in this debate may

win some votes and give him just enough of an edge to eek out a legitimate presidency this time. Similarly, Florida is likely to hold some important votes for the Kerry camp as well, when one considers the high population of elderly democrats from the north.

In all seriousness however, the debate season is an important time for politics, and it's a great way for the average American to get a taste of what platforms exactly the candidates are running on. Additionally, the debates offer a unique opportunity to hear what the candidates have to say without the chance for any serious backpedaling. This may very well place a strain on Democratic candidate John Kerry, who is often perceived to be a 'waffler' or a person with no solid position. For Kerry this will be an important time of do-or-die as once he outlines his positions in these debates, there is little going back on what he says.

It is likely that an important strategy that both camps will use is to seem as unlike

their opponent as possible, so as to avoid the tricky situation of 2000 between Bush and Gore that had everyone scratching their heads and asking 'what's the difference?' This may not be much of a challenge except on key issues such as Iraq where Senator Kerry voted to support President Bush's invasion of Iraq, and now everybody wants to know why.

Also, expect both candidates to attempt to use humor as a means to discredit the other opponent while at the same time trying to relate to voters by pretending not to be rich and white. Truthfully, this has already begun with Bush criticizing Kerry's waffling by maturely suggesting that Kerry could "probably have a 90 minute debate with himself," which was only a few days later countered by Kerry's side splitting zinger that people "shouldn't be afraid to change horses in the middle of the stream if the horse is drowning," and suggested that "we need a taller horse," to emphasize that

not only is President Bush drowning in Iraq, he is also short.

Clearly these candidates are in touch with what Americans truly care about.

Either way, the debates are the perfect way for anyone to learn what the candidates have to say about various issues, or at the very least, learn what the issues are and why they are so important to so many people. It's one thing to get out and vote; it's another thing to be an informed voter. Often, many people go to the polls without having any clue as to who the candidates are and what they stand for. This is not a good thing, as it can wreak havoc on the entire political process and is a misuse of your rights as an American citizen. So while Rock the Vote, Rap The Vote, Salsa the Vote, and whatever else the vote are all great programs, voting is just part of the political process that needs to be supplemented with learning and serious thought, that's the only way to keep things on track.

Letters to the Editor



Dear editor,

In the last election roughly half of the eligible voters in the U.S. cast their vote by not voting.

I have spent two hours each Wednesday evening for the past month canvassing the neighborhoods in Williamsport, where I live, to register voters. I have never actually had anyone slam their door in my face, but I have heard more excuses from ostensible adults than I get from a freshperson class about why homework is late.

"If I register to vote, people are going to blame me for the mess in Washington."

"I can't stand either of those guys."

"My wife votes (one party) and I vote (the other) so we just cancel each other out."

Not voting does indeed send a message, but it might not be the one the non-voter wishes to send. It's subtle. It's easy to misinterpret. It's easy to spin the non-vote. It's ambiguous. Citizens need to vote. It's part of being an active, responsible member of society. I won't and probably don't have it in me to argue that any of the scalawags in Washington actually deserve my vote, but I can and will argue that there are those who need to be voted against.

Students fought for the right to vote. They have earned the right to vote. They need to exercise that right. The difference between better and best is not a big deal. The difference between worse and worst is. Students who can't find anyone to vote for should look for someone to vote against.

Dan Mason

Site targets college voters

CollegeVote.org aims to inform students why voting is important

By ROB DELANY

Daily Northwestern

Whether it's the League of Women Voters in Norris University Center or an Associated Student Government representative in your dining hall, there's always someone around the corner telling you to vote now. What they don't tell you is why.

Kathy Goodman wants to change this.

Goodman, a former graduate student at Boston College, created CollegeVote.org with two other grad students.

"CollegeVote.org is a centralized clearinghouse of materials to help students gain a greater understanding of, and appreciation for, the electoral process," Goodman said in an Aug. 31 press release.

CollegeVote.org promotes political discussion between college students and faculty members to establish a more intelligent voting population, she said.

Although many Northwestern students said they have not heard of the Web site, political student group leaders said they support the mission of CollegeVote.org.

Andrew Proksel, president of the College Democrats at Northwestern University, said he supports encouraging more students to vote, calling CollegeVote.org's Web site one way to increase voter awareness.

"Students have always been that block that everyone dismisses," said Proksel, a Weinberg junior. "Any ad that tries to get people to vote is a good idea."

According to Proksel, there are a lot of major issues in this year's election -- including social security and medicare -- that will affect students.

"The hardest part is getting people to realize they actually have to go to the booth," Proksel said.

Noreen O'Connor, one of CollegeVote.org's founders, stressed the need for students to get out and vote.

"It is important for college students to understand that a strong democracy is dependent upon the informed participation of its citizens," she said in a press release.

The Web site provides student and teachers with different links to find information on several

other topics related to the upcoming election.

Ben Snyder, vice president of the College Republicans at NU, said he agrees that voter awareness is important.

Any forum to increase voter awareness can benefit college students, but Snyder, a Weinberg junior, said students also should be wary of political biases.

Weinberg freshman Max Fitzgerald said he thinks promotional tactics such as CollegeVote.org are effective.

"Voting is our legal right," Fitzgerald said. "It's good for students to exercise that right."

But Kenneth Janda, a NU political science professor emeritus, said he was skeptical of the idea that low turnout among college-age voters is a serious problem.

Despite low turnout among young people, Janda suggests that these voters may develop more regular voting habits later in life.

"Voting is a life-cycle phenomenon," he said. "It's a habit, and (students) will get into the habit eventually."

MUSIC REVIEW-

The song begins by calling out to the American population who puts their trust in what corporations tell them to believe. "Don't wanna be an American idiot. One nation controlled by the media. Information age of hysteria. It's calling out to idiot America."

The following song, "Jesus of Suburbia," is by far the strongest on the hour-long album. This nine-minute, five-part masterpiece begins the story of the album. After Green Day played the song at their album release party, Armstrong called it "Short-attention-span theatre." The song is written with the sole purpose of telling whatever bothers you at the moment to get lost.

The most incredible part of this song, and the album as a whole are the transitions from part to part and song to song. If you close your eyes, you can see the story take shape. It is remarkable.

After over 10 years of listening to two and three-minute songs from Green Day, the major misconception would be to assume their average fan would be incredibly bored while listening to the nine minute opus. However, when the lines "When there ain't nowhere you can go. Running away from pain. When you've been victimized. Tales from another broken home" reach the air and the powerful downbeat on "home" is heard, it is very difficult to not be impressed. Maybe this is the primary reason I cannot seem to pry the headphones off my head as I walk through campus.

The third song and in my mind, the next single is written about the current war in Iraq. "Holiday" takes its best shot at tearing apart the deception the American government has cast upon its countries eyes regarding the war.

I could write for days about how amazing *American Idiot* truly is. However, I would much rather have the readers become the listeners.

The album was released on Sept. 21. I was among the many people in line to buy it the minute it was available. There is only one band in which I cannot wait more than 10 minutes to hear a new album. That band is Green Day. If being my favorite band since I was introduced to music in general was not reason enough to go idolize the California punks known as Green Day, *American Idiot* is.

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This Week in Sports: Americas men's teams...still the best?

By TED MINNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

Four years ago things could not have been going better for Americas men's teams. The men's basketball team won gold, again, their twelfth in the last 14 years. The baseball team beat the defending gold medalists to win their first gold medal since the sport officially came to the Olympics. The hockey team made it to the gold medal game to face the best in the world, Canada, and kept it interesting. Our golf team made an amazing comeback to capture the Ryder Cup. At home the Yankees and Diamondbacks went seven games and truly made it a Fall Classic. The New England Patriots, whose team colors are red, white and blue, and were the quintessential definition of a team, won the Super Bowl. Things were good.

Flash forward to today and things are in disarray. Let's start with the basketball team. We went into the Olympics in Athens with some of the best and youngest players in the world, a coach who had just won the NBA Championship, with a group half as talented and a reputation of excellence. The Dream Team this time went home only dreaming of a gold medal. I know that Kobe Bryant, Shaquille O'Neal and Kevin Garnett didn't play but the team still had LeBron James, Carmelo Anthony, Tim Duncan and Allen Iverson. James and Anthony are all-world rookies, and the future of basketball in

America. Duncan and Iverson were both league MVP's and Iverson has led the league in scoring a fair share of times. So how did we lose? We were out hustled and outworked. We didn't even qualify for the gold medal game and we were forced to settle for a bronze. A bronze is unheard of for men's basketball in this country.

The baseball team would reestablish our dominance right? They won the gold last time and nothing is more American than baseball. Don't worry if you couldn't find them on television this summer, no one could. The defending gold medal champions didn't even qualify for the Olympics. Let me say that again, they didn't even qualify for the Olympics. I understand that we still send amateurs and other countries can afford to send pro's, but the number of home-grown baseball stars is diminishing. Albert Pujols, Pedro Martinez, Ichiro and Manny Ramirez don't call the USA home. Even if Major League Baseball was to take a break and allow professionals to participate in the Olympics, I doubt America would even be the favorites.

Our hockey team made a great run two years back. On the verge of winning their first gold medal since 1980, they fell just short against Canada. This fall they had

a chance to exact some revenge in the World Cup of Hockey. The team started slow but began to pick up speed. A big win in the first round of elimination, against Russia, had hockey fans believing again. But a loss to Finland in the following round prevented a rematch for the title. Veteran stars Mike Modano, Bill Guerin and Keith Tkachuk led team USA as far as they could, but the young stars are few and far between.

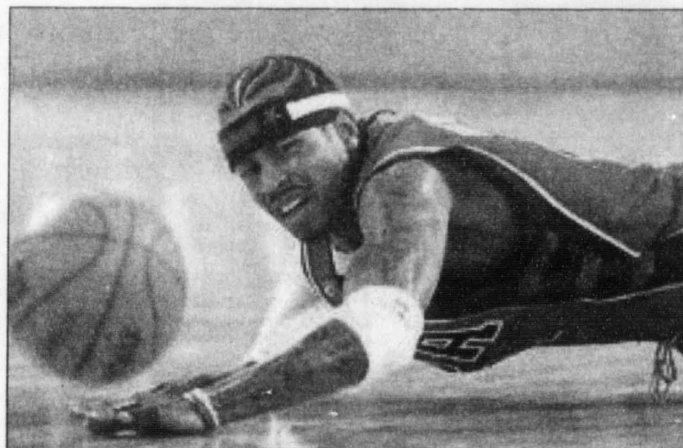


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Allen Iverson led the U.S. Olympic team to a bronze medal

Tiger Woods was the icon of American golf. Everybody knows of Woods and how good he is. A couple of years ago team USA beat the European team to complete the biggest comeback in the Ryder Cup history, spurring an on field celebration the likes golf had never seen. Just a few weeks ago the European team handed the American team the biggest defeat in Ryder Cup history. Top that off with the

fact that Woods has just been knocked out of the top spot in the golf rankings; and Americans don't have much to hang their hats on.

With all these teams falling off the top who does that leave to pick up the pieces? The men's soccer team finally started to get into the mix. The USA is not known for their presence in the soccer world, as we are only starting to get into the International scene. During the last World Cup the men's team started to generate some interest. America has a few young guns that may help them make it to the top in a few years. However, they still have a ways to go to catch European and South American countries where football has always been foot ball.

Do you know what event America's men placed highest in at the Athens games? Gymnastics. Yeah, gymnastics. I mean we all know the top five men gymnasts in America and knew they were going to offer the Japanese team a tough battle for the gold. Who would have ever thought going into the Athens games that the men's gymnastics team would place higher than the basketball team?

Right now the best men's team may be on the court, but not the one with the basket. The Davis Cup team (that's tennis) has been sensational as of late. That fact may surprise the average fan though, being that long time tennis star Pete Sampras, the best American tennis player ever, is retired and Andre Agassi is nearing the end of his career. Young gun Andy Roddick is spearheading a revolution in American tennis. His Davis Cup team is playing very well right now and I expect the USA team to capture the countries first men's team championship in quite some time.

If you really want to see an American team win though, just watch the ladies. The American women have been ripping through the international circuit the way the men use to. The women's basketball, softball and soccer teams dominated in the Olympics. This should not come as a surprise to anyone. The American ladies were the heavy favorite in each of these sports and lived up to the expectations, as lofty as they were.

Congratulations are in order for the women again, as they continue to impress. For the men, you need to regroup. The American men's teams have been a dominate force in international competition, but lately that fact has not been true.

Picks of the Week

Week 4

	Mike Peters (32-14)	Sarah Stoermer (28-18)	Mike Pastore (30-17)	Chad Landers (33-13)	Jonathan Schwab (31-15)
Bengals @ Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Colts @ Jaguars	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts
Giants @ Packers	Packers	Packers	Giants	Packers	Packers
Patriots @ Bills	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Redskins @ Browns	Redskins	Browns	Redskins	Redskins	Browns
Raiders @ Texans	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders	Raiders
Eagles @ Bears	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Saints @ Cardinals	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints	Saints
Jets @ Dolphins	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets
Falcons @ Panthers	Pathers	Falcons	Falcons	Panthers	Panthers
Broncos @ Bucs	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
Titans @ Chargers	Titans	Titans	Chargers	Titans	Chargers
Rams @ 49ers	49ers	Rams	Rams	Rams	49ers
Chiefs @ Ravens	Rav ens	Ravens	Chiefs	Ravens	Ravens

The Flashlight Sports

"Question of the Week"

Who is the best Quarterback in the National Football League?

Peyton Manning, Indianapolis Colts

Brett Favre, Green Bay Packers

Michael Vick, Atlanta Falcons

Chad Pennington, New York Jets

Donavan McNabb, Philadelphia Eagles

Mansfield University Mountaineers all-time leading scorer, Brett Longpre' signed with Milton Keynes in the BBL

Former Mansfield University Basketball standout, Brett Longpre', recently signed a contract to play for the Milton Keynes Lions of the British Basketball League (BBL). Longpre', a 2004 graduate and four year all-conference player completed a stellar career at Mansfield as the Mountaineers second all-time leading scorer.

This past season he ranked fourth in the PSAC in scoring (16.6 ppg) while ranking first in the conference in three-point field goals per game (2.96) and fifth in three-point field goal percentage (42.6 percent). He also ranked second in the PSAC in free throw shooting percentage (89.1 percent).

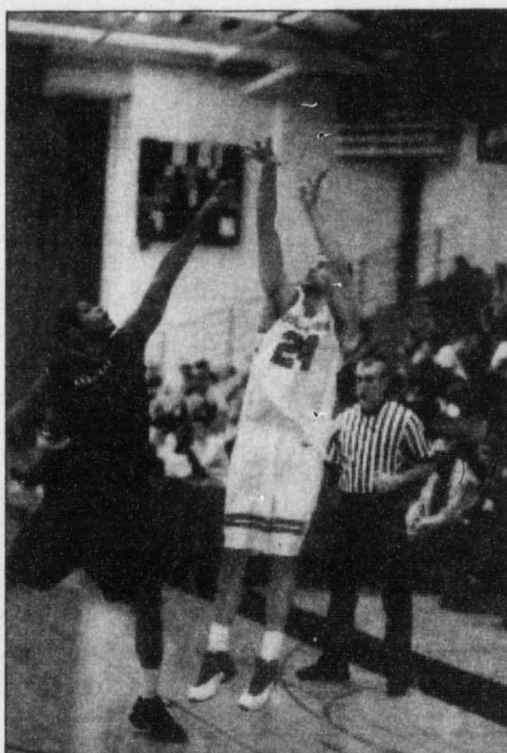
Longpre' ranks second in school history in career scoring (1,765), first in three-point field goals made (301) and is the only player in school history to score more than 1,700

points while pulling down more than 500 rebounds.

Longpre' and the Lions began practice Sept. 21 and play their first regular season game Oct. 2. Throughout their 44-game regular season schedule they will play teams from cities such as London, Sheffield, Birmingham, Newcastle, and defending conference champion Brighton. Longpre' is expected to help Milton Keynes improve on an eighth place conference finish last season and a 13 - 23 record.

Milton Keynes is the second stop in Longpre's pro career. He played this summer for the Niagara Gamblers of the Ontario Professional Basketball League (OPBA).

Follow Brett Longpre' and www.bbl.org.uk and at the Milton Keynes Lions at www.mklions.com.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Brett Longpre', Mansfield's leading scorer with 1,300 career points is traveling the world and playing basketball at the same time. He now plays in the BBL.

Mountaineer alum, Omari Pearson, signs contract with top league in Argentina

Former Mansfield University basketball standout, Omari Pearson, recently signed to play professional basketball with Gimnasia Esgrima Comodoro Rivadavia of Liga A in Argentina.

Liga A is the highest level professional basketball league in basketball mad Argentina.

Pearson was a three-year letter winner at UNLV before transferring to Mansfield this past season. He led the PSAC in scoring this season averaging 19.7 points per game.

The 6-9 forward also ranked second in the conference in rebounding (11.3 rpg) while ranking sixth in free throw shooting percentage (82.1 percent) and seventh in field goal shooting percentage (54.7 percent). He led the PSAC in double-doubles with 16 on the season and scored in double figures in all 26 games he appeared in.

Pearson capped off his outstanding season by being named to the 2004 Daktronics NCAA Division II Men's Basketball All-America Team. He became the first player in Mountaineer history to make the Daktronics All-America Team.

Pearson is the only player from



SPORTS INFORMATION

Omari Pearson joins an elite group of Mansfield athletes from the class of 2004. Travis Motley (football) and Brett Longpre (basketball) have also signed professional contracts since their graduation last May.

the PSAC to be named to Daktronics All-America honors, allowing him to become one of just 15 players nationwide to be named to the All-America team.

Pearson played in the National Basketball Association summer league in Minneapolis for the Philadelphia 76ers this summer.

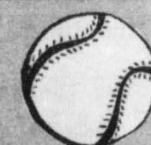
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Football			Lock Haven University 1 p.m.				
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Mansfield University Mountaineers muffle Marauders of Millersville en route to ending their four-game skid

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

Coming off the hardest part of the schedule, stuck in the midst of a three-game losing streak, the Mansfield University women's field hockey team traveled to Bloomsburg University on Sept. 22 to play the the second-ranked Huskies. The Mountaineers put in a tough first half effort but could not stop the high powered attack of the Huskies, falling 9-1.

The Bloomsburg attack began the game, as Jackie Loehwing scored in the 12:00 minute on a Kelly Trevisan assist. In the 20:00 minute, Sharla Partlon gave the Huskies a 2-0 lead. Three minutes later, Kristi Ney capped off the Huskies first half scoring to make the score 3-0. Down but not out, the Mountaineers relied on sophomore scoring threat Alissa Gallagher to tighten up the score. She scored her team leading fifth goal of the season, running the score to 3-1 as the teams headed into halftime.

The Huskies scored early and often in the second half. In the 41:00 minute, Partlon scored her second goal of the game to make the score 4-1 in favor of the Huskies.

Two minutes later, Ney scored her second goal of the game on a Brittney Fox assist making it 5-1. In the 46:00 minute, Marie Zorzi netted her first goal of the game to extend the Huskies lead to 6-1. Just three minutes later, Colleen Greenlee scored the Huskies fourth goal in the past 10 minutes to make the lead 7-1. The Huskies were not done scoring yet, as Ashley Heckard and Ronni Nace ripped off two final goals in the 62:00 minute to make the final score 9-1.

The Huskies out shot the Mounties 32-4 in the lopsided victory. Junior Katie Heil saved six shots in her first half appearance. In the second half, sophomore goalie Shannon Brim made 10 saves.

The Mountaineers fell to 1-7 overall and 1-4 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference. Bloomsburg improved to 8-1 overall and 5-1 in the PSAC.

Over the weekend, Mansfield came back to the friendly confines of Spaulding Field to attempt to break their four game losing streak. The Mountaineers tightened up their defense on the visiting Marauders of Millersville University. Both teams did all their scoring in the first half, with the Mountaineers coming out victorious 2-1.

Both teams battled to put the first goal in the net, but it was Danielle Floyd scoring in the 18:00 minute on as assist by Liz Reichard to give the Marauders a 1-0 lead. Not about to be outdone, senior forward Kristen Campbell scored her fifth goal of the season off a Marci Lippert assist to tie the score at 1-1.

With the fire back in the offensive line, Gallagher netted the game winning goal less than 10 minutes later. The goal, Gallagher's team-leading sixth goal on the season, gave the Mounties the win in the first half, which was upheld by an extremely strong performance from the defense in the second half. As Mansfield went on to win the game by a score of 2-1.

Playing in goal the entire game, Heil recorded 11 of her 16 saves in the second half to preserve the Mountaineer win.

Millersville out-shot Mansfield 19-14, but could not find the net enough times to avoid the loss.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Alissa Gallagher has six of the 18 Mountaineer goals in their 10 games this season. Mansfield is currently 2-8.

The Mountaineers snapped their four-game losing streak while improving to 2-8 on the season and 2-5 in the PSAC. Millersville dropped to 2-6 overall and 1-6 in the PSAC. Mansfield will start the second half of their season at 4 p.m. on Sept. 30 at Kutztown University when they take on the Golden Bears.

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MU Soccer holds 'Youth Soccer Day'

The Mansfield University Women's Soccer Team will hold its annual 'Youth Soccer Day' on Saturday, Oct. 9.

Mansfield will be playing West Chester University at 1:30 p.m. at the Soccer Field which is located at the top of Morris Drive (Cardiac Hill) at the end far end of "T" Lot.

As part of the day's activities, the Mansfield High School girl's soccer team will be playing against the Liberty High School girl's team at 11:00 a.m. It will be the first high school game of any kind to be played on the University's three-year old soccer field.

Any of the local youth soccer players involved with the MARA (Mansfield Area Recreation Association), TAYS (Troy Area Youth Soccer), and WAYS (Wellsboro Area Youth Soccer) Soccer programs are ask to come and where their team shirts to the MU-WCU game at 1:30p.m.

Additionally, several prizes will be raffled off at half-time of the Mansfield-West Chester game. Admission to the both games is free.

Mansfield University loses to West Chester 2-0 in PSAC East Women's Soccer



SPORTS INFORMATION

Julie Miller, a junior goalie has a 1.8 goal average with 47 saves this season.

Mansfield University dropped a 2-0 setback at West Chester in PSAC women's soccer Saturday afternoon.

The Mountaineers played well defensively, but managed just one shot on goal to West Chester's 9.

Julie Miller had seven saves in goal.

Mansfield falls to 2-5 overall and 0-5 in the PSAC East while

West Chester improves to 4-2 and 3-2 in the conference.



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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2004

The Mountaineers fall 45-10 to the Golden Bears

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team fell in their Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East opener 45-10 to Kutztown on Saturday, Sept. 25, at Kutztown. Mansfield slid to 0-4 overall and 0-1 in the PSAC East with the defeat while the Golden Bears improved to 3-1 overall and 1-0 in the PSAC East with the win.

The Mountaineers got off to a rocky start and they were unable to recover from there. Mansfield took the football to start the game and on the second play from scrimmage, quarterback Matt Hildebrand and running back Earnest McNeal botched a hand off. Kutztown's Yusef Turner recovered for the Golden Bears at the Mansfield six yard line.

Mansfield held Kutztown out of the end zone on three tries, but the Mounties were called for pass interference on the third play, extending the drive.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Joe Bennett caught five passes for 31 yards and one touchdown reception against the Golden Bears. Bennetts score is no. 27 of his career.

The Mountaineers again stood up the Golden Bears on three more plays, but Mansfield was called for off sides on the third play, further extending the possession. Finally, on the next play after the off sides, Kutztown quarterback Jeremy Copeland burrowed his way into the end zone from one yard out to give the Golden Bears a 7-0 lead.

Mountaineers first year head coach Jim Shiffer credited his defense for putting up a solid fight despite the difficult early circumstances. "Our defense played hard and made Kutztown work for their first score," Shiffer said. Unfortunately for the Mounties, that defensive effort would not translate to any positive momentum.

Mansfield's next drive made it into Kutztown territory but stalled there. Kutztown took the ensuing punt and stormed down the field in five plays. The finisher came on a 25-yard connection between Copeland and wide receiver Trevor Smith. Smith had five catches for 89 yards and a touchdown on the day and that score accounted for the 14-0 advantage the Golden Bears took into the second quarter.

Early in the second quarter, Kutztown put more on the board. Kutztown gained possession after Hildebrand was picked off by Barren Grier of the Golden Bears. Kutztown drove down the field in six plays, highlighted by a fourth down conversion from Copeland to Smith. On the play following the fourth down conversion, running back Stephen Gammage roared into the end zone from 14 yards away to increase the Kutztown lead to 21-0.

The Golden Bears weren't done yet. After recovering a Paul Garofalo fumble, Mansfield's third turnover of the afternoon, Kutztown took advantage of great field position. Gammage completed the drive with his second touchdown of the day, a one-yard plunge on fourth and goal. Filling in for starting running back Tony Bria,

who was lost early in the game, Gammage ran for 113 yards and two touchdowns on 24 carries.

Mansfield would finish the day with five turnovers. Shiffer cited the turnovers as a major problem for the Mountaineers offense. "We have been our own worst enemy throughout the season," said Shiffer. "Our turnovers have been a result of poor focus and unforced errors that we have to be accountable for." Three Mansfield turnovers led to 21 first half points for the Golden Bears.

Down 28-0, the Mountaineers offense finally showed signs of life. In one of their most impressive drives of the season, Mansfield took the ball 79 yards on 16 plays. The drive was finished off by a fourth down four-yard touchdown pass from Hildebrand to Joe Bennett. Shiffer felt the drive proved an important point for the offense. "It showed our players offensively that the only ones stopping us were ourselves," Shiffer said.

The second half got off to a much better start than the first half had for the Mounties. Mansfield forced Kutztown into a three plays and out series and then efficiently drove the ball down the field mixing the run and the pass. McNeal ran for 31 of his team high 102 rushing yards on the drive. The drive did stall at the Kutztown four yard line, so Sean Hair booted a 21-yard field goal to cut the Kutztown lead to 28-10.

Kutztown quickly moved to destroy any hope Mansfield had of getting back into the game on their next possession. Helped by another third down penalty, that one pass interference, the Golden Bears needed nine plays to put the nail in the coffin. Backup running back Maurice Adams got into the end zone on a 15-yard touchdown run to increase the Mansfield deficit to 35-10.

The Golden Bears cruised from there, allowing the Mounties offense very little room to breathe. Kutztown further extended their lead early in the fourth quarter, when a blocked Mansfield punt

turned into an 18-yard field goal by Matt Scartozzi, making the score 38-10. Kutztown finished off the scoring when backup quarterback Gabe Maiocco found Jeremy Wesley for an eleven yard touchdown pass.

The defense led the way for the Golden Bears all day long. Grier had two interceptions along with three passes defended. Greg Mitchell and Drew Hicks had eleven and ten tackles respectively. On the offensive side of the ball, Copeland was solid, facing the team that had knocked him out of the game in the last meeting between the two teams. He was eight of 16 for 120 yards and a touchdown.

Along with the performances of McNeal and Bennett, freshman wide receiver Tyrone Robinson also had a strong game for the Mounties, reeling in six balls for 51 yards. Hildebrand threw for 108 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions in his second collegiate start. On the defensive side, linebacker Andre Turner put in a standout effort with twelve tackles, including two for a loss.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Earnest "Poohbear" McNeal rushed for 102 yards on Saturday in the 45-10 loss to Kutztown University.

Mansfield will look to make Homecoming Day win number one on the season. They play the Lock Haven Bald Eagles at 1 p. m. on Saturday, Oct. 2 at Karl Van Norman Field.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
E. Stroudsburg	1-0	4-0	1.000	Shippensburg	1-0	5-0	1.000
Kutztown	1-0	3-1	.750	Clarion	1-0	3-2	.600
West Chester	1-0	3-2	.600	Slippery Rock	1-0	3-2	.600
Bloomsburg	0-0	3-1	.750	IUP	0-0	2-2	.500
Millersville	0-1	1-3	.250	Clarion	0-1	3-1	.750
Cheyney	0-1	1-4	.200	Edinboro	0-1	2-2	.500
Mansfield	0-1	0-4	.000	Lock Haven	0-1	1-4	.200

The Flashlight

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HAVEN strives to end sexual and domestic violence in Tioga County

By LIZ WELSHANS &
SARAH STOERMER

Flashlight Writers

Nearly one quarter of women in the United States, will be abused by a current or former partner some time during their lives. These women and men need a safe place to go in times of trouble. That is why there are places like HAVEN. This Wellsboro facility for those dealing with domestic violence and sexual assault marked its 20 years of existence this past July.

Recently, MU students collected personal care items to help the victims seeking shelter at HAVEN. The collection was organized by Professor Sharon Carrish and completed by her four fall semester communication classes.

"It was completely voluntary," Carrish said. "I told them it was the chance to make a difference and they came through."

The direct service coordinator for HAVEN, Linda Dauberman, received the donation.

"You always hear negative things about college students," Dauberman said, "and we don't hear enough about things like this. The women and children in our shelter will know that Mansfield students care about them."

Executive Director Bobbie Preston holds a strong belief in the mission of HAVEN. "All people have the right to live in a safe non-violent environment through prevention and intervention services. HAVEN of Tioga County strives to reduce sexual and



PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
MU students collected personal care items for victims of sexual and domestic violence at the Tioga County HAVEN facility.

domestic violence."

HAVEN is open to both men and women of any age. They have a free and confidential hotline which is available 24 hours a day and the center itself is open 8:30 a.m. through 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In a domestic or sexual emergency, a victim should call 911, and an employee will call within 10 minutes.

HAVEN not only provides shelter for the victims, but offers other services such as counseling on different solutions or options to create a safe home environment. There is an attorney on staff to help with legal situations and accompany victims to court hearings. A medical advocate affiliated with the hospital is also available.

Workers at HAVEN go out to

local schools to improve the awareness of domestic violence and sexual assault among children. They teach students about safety, being bullied, and how to handle themselves in dangerous situations. HAVEN also has support groups such as anger management, healthy relationship, domestic violence, sexual assault, safety on-campus, and gender roles on the Mansfield campus.

Preston believes community assistance is key in diminishing sexual and domestic violence.

"It's important for the community to get involved. Sexual and domestic violence is everyone's business. It's not going to stop until we recognize it and stand up against it," Preston said.

Student art exhibit featured in North Hall Gallery

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT
Flashlight Writer

The biannual Mansfield University Juried Student Art Show is currently being displayed at the MU Gallery through Thursday, Nov. 4.

The exhibit features more than 85 pieces of the best juried artwork considered last spring, including paintings, photographs, prints, sculptures, and ceramics. Susan Kowalczyk, collections manager of the Schein-Joseph International Museum of Ceramics at Alfred University, and Lynn Wagner, teacher at 171 Cedar Street Art Center in Corning, were the judges.

The "Fine Arts Raffle Award" was given to Brenda Chrzan for her photograph titled "Driftwood." Her prize-winning photograph will be framed and raffled off at

the awards ceremony Sunday, Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. Tickets for the raffle are \$1, six for \$5, and may be purchased from the gallery attendant or any Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee member.

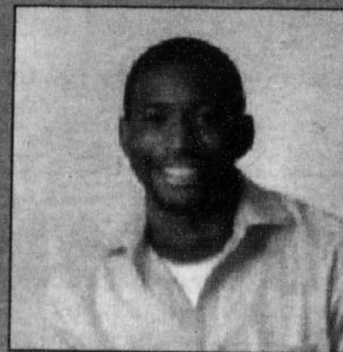
The Awards Ceremony will also include a \$75 cash award for the "Best of Show," acquisition into the University's CCSI permanent collection for the "Purchase Award," and five "Honorable Mentions."

The MU Gallery is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. in North Hall. The exhibit and awards ceremony is free and open to the public. The events are sponsored by the Art Acquisition and Exhibition Committee, the Committee of Finance, CCSI, and student activity fees.

Congratulations to all Homecoming Nominees and participants.

The Flashlight would like to recognize the homecoming King and Queen,

Na'eem Douglas and Abby Cerow.



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Today's Weather



Partly cloudy with
a 0% chance of
precipitation.

High: 65° Low: 46°

Information taken from weather.com

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **The Admissions staff is currently seeking friendly, enthusiastic students to conduct campus tours.** For more information, call Tam Soderberg at 662-4814. Training will be provided. Students interested in conducting tours must be available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Interested in a weekend service trip to Philadelphia?** On Friday, Oct. 22-Sunday, Oct. 24, Courtney Murphy Hull, Catholic Campus Minister, will be taking a group of MU students to volunteer their time at a soup kitchen. To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

★ **WNTF-FM invites you to join the crew.** Meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 317 A.H.U.B. All majors are welcome.

★ **ATTENTION EDUCATION & SPECIAL ED MAJORS!** Many Faces of Diversity, a workshop dealing with Resources, Strategies, & Curriculum, will be held on Saturday, Oct. 23 at Mansfield University's Retan Center from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be presented by Mr. Rick Lucero, Dr. Kathleen Carico, and Dr. Jan Minetola. Lunch will be provided.

Through personal stories and workshops, you will learn how diversity extends beyond race and ethnicity and how to integrate diversity-sensitive concepts into curricula.

This workshop will be especially useful to those of you who are already teaching or who are currently student teaching. Attendees may qualify for ACT 48 credit.

Registration cost is \$50. Registration is due by Oct. 9.

For more info, contact the professors above or Lindsey Sikorski at 662-4808

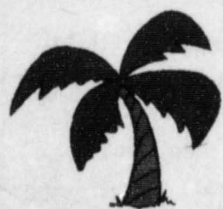
★ **PRSSA welcomes all majors.** Meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 317 of A.H.U.B. The Public Relations Student Society hopes to give its members insight into how the field of Public Relations works by giving them hands on experience in community and university projects.

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High: 67° Low: 49°

MONDAY



Showers with a
10% chance of
precipitation.

High: 63° Low: 43°

SATURDAY



Mostly sunny with a
10% chance of
precipitation.

High: 63° Low: 43°

TUESDAY



Sunny with a
20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 61° Low: 42°

SUNDAY



Scattered Showers with
a 10% chance
of precipitation.

High: 60° Low: 43°

WEDNESDAY



Partly Cloudy with
10% chance of
precipitation.

High: 60° Low: 43°

Information taken from www.weather.com

POLICE BEAT

October 2, 2004 - **Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition** - A person or persons entered a dorm room in Cedarcrest Manor A during the afternoon and took belongings from two students.

October 2, 2004 - **Defiant Trespass** - Derrick T. Jeh, 19, a former student, was escorted off campus after being seen at the Hut. Jeh had been previously restricted from being on campus property.

September 30, 2004 - **Disorderly Conduct, Public Drunkenness** - Lisa Ehm, 24, was charged with creating a hazardous, physically offensive condition at Laurel Manor and South Hall. Ehm was placed in the Tioga County Prison on a \$1,000 bail.

September 29, 2004 - **Theft by Unlawful Taking or Disposition** - A laptop was stolen during the afternoon from the fifth floor of Cedarcrest Manor A.

September 21, 2004 - **Vandalism** - The rear window of a vehicle parked outside Maple Manor B was broken by an unknown object and unknown person.

September 21, 2004 - **Disorderly Conduct** - Kevin Calvert, Ryan Seigart, and Thomas Thatcher were charged with disorderly conduct for the use and possession of a BB gun in Cedarcrest Manor A on the second floor. Those charged were then referred to the director of Residence Life.

Anyone with information concerning these cases, please contact the Mansfield University Police Department at 662-4900.

Julian Bond enlightens university community

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Writer

Chairman Julian Bond of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) spoke to the university community last Wed., Sept. 29. Throughout his visit, Bond touched on a variety of topics ranging from racial discrimination to the upcoming presidential election.

The evening began with a conference where Bond was asked to speak on current events surrounding his organization. He acknowledged President Bush's disinclination to attend an NAACP event. He also spoke to the controversy regarding recent comments made by Bill Cosby at an event last spring. "Cosby took to task low income African-

American parents for not doing a good job raising [their children]," Bond said. "The first thought I had was that it was inappropriate at the occasion."

Before his formal presentation, Bond addressed questions regarding the upcoming presidential election. The chairman noted the war in Iraq, education, and Medicare are key issues both candidates must consider. Bond reminded his audience that the NAACP is non-partisan and will not endorse a political candidate.

Bond's presentation focused on issues of race and racial discrimination. The many university students who attended received his speech with enthusiasm.

Freshman Bijan Manavizadeh was particularly interested in one of the topics covered by Bond. "He spoke a

lot about how this nation should be considerate toward Muslims and not violate their civil rights," Manavizadeh said. "I also really enjoyed the analogy Bond made that showed how necessary affirmative action is today."

Senior Na'eem Douglas, the Black Student Union Historian, had the honor of introducing Bond at the evening's dinner. Several different aspects of Bond's speech impressed Douglas.

"He brought a totally different view of politics and the way the world works," Douglas said. "He was totally comfortable with being himself. He didn't care about what anyone else would say. I think that Julian Bond was one of the most spectacular speakers that we've had here at Mansfield."

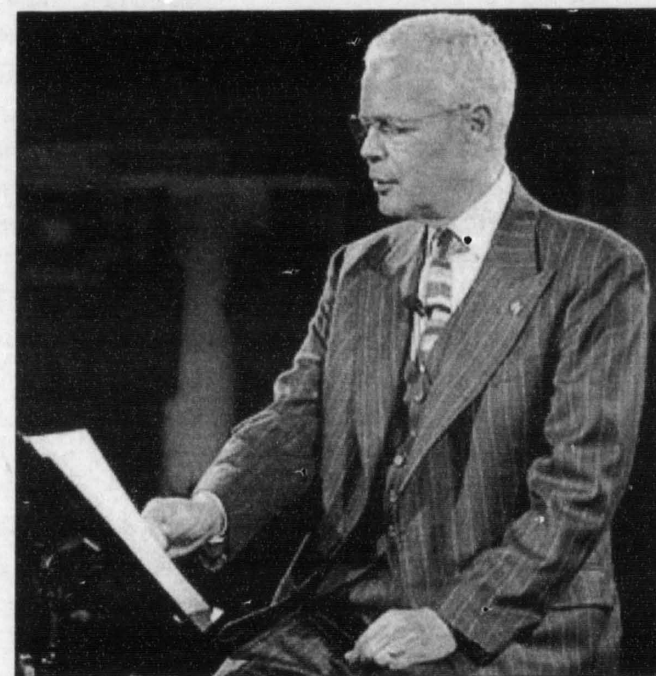


PHOTO FROM WWW.LANSDALEASSOC.COM

Chairman of the NAACP, Julian Bond, spoke recently in Straughn Auditorium on discrimination and the upcoming election.

SGA Update

Student Government Association (SGA) held its annual New Senators Banquet on Oct. 4 at 8:30 p.m. in the North Hall Traditional Reading Room. The banquet honored its seasoned senators and their dedication to the organization, but most of all it welcomed our newly elected senators to senate.

❑ SGA announced that 'Breakfast With Santa' will be held on Dec. 4, 2004. SGA invites all students for come out and celebrate the joyous occasion.

❑ SGA would like to extend congratulations to our Homecoming Queen representative, Julie Miller.

❑ SGA asks students to look for the Joe Maresco plaque which will be unveiled soon.

❑ SGA reminds all students to vote!

Multicultural Enrichment Weekend

This year's annual Fall Break trip is to Washington, D.C. and Baltimore, Md. The bus will leave from Laurel Hall on Saturday, Oct. 9 at 6:30 a.m. and return on Monday, Oct. 11 in the evening.

The itinerary includes: Saturday, a tour of the Frederick Douglass National Historic Site in Washington, D.C. and a brief tour of the monuments and the White House before traveling on to Baltimore.

On Sunday we will tour the city of Baltimore with a local Tour Guide, visit The Great Blacks in

Wax Museum, and end the day with a group dinner. After dinner, students will have the opportunity to explore Baltimore's Inner Harbor. Monday the group will visit the National Aquarium in Baltimore and will stop at an Amish Farm on the return trip to Mansfield. Seats are still available for anyone interested in joining the group. The trip costs \$60 for Mansfield University students and \$180 for non-students. Fees include transportation, hotel (up to four persons/room), and two group meals. Students will not be allowed

to deviate from the stated itinerary. This trip is open to the entire campus community and offers participants an opportunity to experience a little of the history, culture and recreational activities of D.C., Baltimore, and "Dutch Country." Sign up sheets are located in the Martin Luther King, Jr. Center, Room 311 Alumni Hall. For more information call Ms. Annie Cooper, Director of Multicultural Affairs and International Students Services at 662-4381 or e-mail: acooper@mansfield.edu.

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The Tim Smith Band comes to Mansfield



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The Tim Smith Band will playing at 8:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in room 307 in AHUB.

The Tim Smith Band will perform at Mansfield University at 8:30 p.m. on Thurs., Oct. 14, 2004 in Alumni Hall Student Center, Room 307. The dance floor will be available for anyone who wishes to dance to the music. Come and dance or just enjoy the music.

This North Carolina Band, formerly called The Jumpstarts, plays music based on the traditional 1950s style Jamaican Ska and Reggae, Jazz, Gospel and Blues. EP releases include: *Just a Little Bit, In the Here.*

Tim Smith is a vocalist, a multi-instrumentalist, and band leader who has played with other bands and musicians including The Squirrel Nut Zippers, Hobex, The Countdown Quartet, The Platinum Heaveyweights, Jazz Squad, Justin Thompson, The Raleigh Jazz Orchestra. The band has appeared on national television programs such as Late Night with Conan O'Brian, Live with Regis and Kathy Lee and Sesame Street.

The event is sponsored by the Office of Multicultural Affairs and the Mansfield Fine Arts Forum.

For more information contact Mr. Bill Pokorny at 662-7510 or Ms. Annie Cooper at 662-4381.

What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer

World:

MADRID, Spain - In Southern France, the leader of the Basque military group, ETA, has been captured by French officials. It has been confirmed that Mikel "Antza" Albisu Iriarte has been captured along with his female companion. They are being held along with twenty others. They were captured in southern France along the border of Spain.

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Sunday, Iraqi police found the bodies of a man and woman who are believed to be westerners. Police said that the woman had been shot in the head and the man had been decapitated. Police found the bodies 13 miles south of Baghdad. As of late the bodies have not been identified.

GAUHATI, India - Three people were killed and 18 injured Sunday when blasts continued for the second day in Northeastern, India. The violence is blamed on separatist rebels. So far, there are at least 53 dead and 100 people wounded.

BANGKOK, Thailand - In central Thailand at least 14 people were killed including a four-year-old boy in a massive fire. The fire took place in a firework factory. Sunday afternoon, an explosion occurred in the factory causing the roof to collapse. 20 workers were inside at the time. After having its license revoked last year, the factory was running illegally. The cause of the fire is being investigated.

GONAIVES, Haiti - Commerce is slowly returning as vendors sold flour and avocados in the mud coated streets. Prices are slightly higher making it tough for poor and hungry people to buy food.

Tropical storm Jeanne flooded streets and ruined crops. 1,550 people are reported dead and around 900 are missing. Argentine U.N. relief workers are trying to help but say they need more international assistance.



KARACHI, Pakistan - A U.S. spy plane went down 300 miles outside of a Pakistani Air Force base. Pakistan police took debris from the unmanned spy plane and handed it over to the officials at the base. Since Americans have started using spy planes to explore neighboring

Afghanistan at least six spy planes have crashed.

National:

DES MOINES, Iowa - 70 people were evacuated from the Des Moines Register when a suspicious white powder was found in an envelope. The building was evacuated for four hours although no apparent harm was done. The envelope had a return address of West Virginia.

VANCOUVER, Washington - Scientists warned that an eruption may be approaching from Mt. St. Helens after smoke poured from the top late Saturday. Sunday morning a slight trembling sensation shook the mountain. Geologists rose the volcano's warning level to a three Saturday, which means an eruption could have happened within 24 hours.

NEW YORK - Less than a week before Martha Stewart is supposed to report to a federal prison, she spent time with friends partying in the Bahamas. Stewart supposedly was going to a rehearsal dinner and arrived Friday to spend time with friends. Footage of the wedding may be used in her magazines or in a TV special.

SALT LAKE CITY - Lori Hackings body has been found. The young woman, who was murdered by her husband, was recovered Friday - months after she was reported missing. Her body was found in a landfill where her husband Mark Hacking reportedly threw her body after killing her. Police say Hacking killed his wife after she learned that he had not enrolled in medical school.

Information was taken from
www.CNN.com and
www.FOXnews.Com

News in a flash: Regional News

By KARA NEWCOMER
Flashlight Writer

MANSFIELD, Pa. - National Association for the Advancement of Colored People Chairmen Julian Bond visited Mansfield University on Wed., Sept. 29. Mr. Bond visited with students during the afternoon for a question and answer session. He later gave a public address in Straughn Auditorium where he discussed such topics as the racial issues people still face today in America and the upcoming Presidential election.

CORNING, N.Y. - Mark and Tammy Stevens, a local couple, have applied for a house from Habitat for Humanity three times. All three times they have been turned down. Finally on the fourth try, they were approved. The volunteers hope to have the duplex completed in between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Within the next few weeks, another family will be selected to live in the other half of the home.

ATHENS, Pa. - More than 175 people participated in the second annual Buddy Walk held on Sunday. The walk was organized to increase local awareness about Down syndrome. Event coordinator Mary Powell said she was very happy with the turnout. The walk raised approximately \$2,000. The money will go to the National Down Syndrome Society.

BATH, N.Y. - Shawn M. Campbell was charged with the murder of 48-year-old Rhonda Bilby on Sept. 29. Campbell is an odd-job carpenter who has a history of conflict with the family. Campbell is accused of killing Bilby around 9 a.m. on Monday Sept. 27 when she

returned from her night shift. Campbell was sent to Steuben County Jail with no bail and will be arraigned on Monday in Bath Town Court.

TROY, Pa. - W.R. Croman Elementary School opened its new playground Oct. 2 and hosted its first "Morning in Motion" activity. There were a variety of activities that children could participate in including soccer, lacrosse, football, an obstacle course, and a petting zoo. Over 100 students and parents took part in the events which is a national attempt to promote physical activity for children.

BATH, N.Y. - After a six-month investigation Richard K. Long of Branchport was arrested and charged with writing over 40 bad checks. Long cashed the checks at a Rite-Aid Pharmacy. When an employee became suspicious and confronted Long, he fled the area. It is estimated that he wrote \$3,500 of bad checks. Long was arraigned in Village Court and will appear again at a later time.

BATH, N.Y. - Mike and Janice Norton were driving past a house when the porch broke out in flames on Sept. 27. They stopped and alerted the mother and three children who lived there. The couple used a garden hose and had the fire under control before the fire department arrived. There was no extensive damage to the house and the family was able to stay there for the night.

Information taken from www.star-gazette.com
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Homecoming highlights 70s & 80s

By ERIC RHODES

Flashlight Writer

"Back to the 70's & 80's," was the theme for Mansfield University's annual Homecoming weekend. The Homecoming events kicked off on campus at noon on Friday with a Mounties Spirit Pep Rally in South Hall Mall. Students who attended to rally were encouraged to wear red and black in support of Mansfield.

Friday evening's Homecoming Football Rally featured performances by the MU cheerleaders, the Pride and Spirit of Pennsylvania (the Mounties marching band), and the MU Dance Team. The rally also introduced the MU Football coaches and the captains of the football team, as well as Hall of Fame Inductees. Candidates for the 2004 Homecoming King and Queen were also announced Friday evening. The rally was capped off with a performance from a group from Syracuse, Ill Natural. "The rally went really well. There was a good turnout from the student body which helped to get everyone excited about Homecoming," MU Dance Team co-captain Amber

Wolford said.

A parade along Main Street Saturday morning set the stage for the events to take place throughout the day. The theme was "Back to the 70's & 80's" and was exhibited on various floats and decorations.

The MU field hockey and football teams took center stage Saturday afternoon. It was almost a perfect day for MU athletics. First, the field hockey team defeated Slippery Rock in a well played 3-2 victory. The football team however was not as fortunate. The Mounties lost a heartbreaking game to Lock Haven, 33-30 in overtime.

During halftime of the football game, the Homecoming King and Queen were announced. This years King was Na'eem Douglas, and the Queen was Abby Cerow.

The last event to take place during the weekend festivities was the third annual Black Student Union fashion



Lock Haven University marching band and drill team, shown on the left, traveled with the football team to support their alma mater. On the left, Mansfield University's newest fraternity, Sigma Alpha Epsilon, embark on their maiden parade during homecoming.

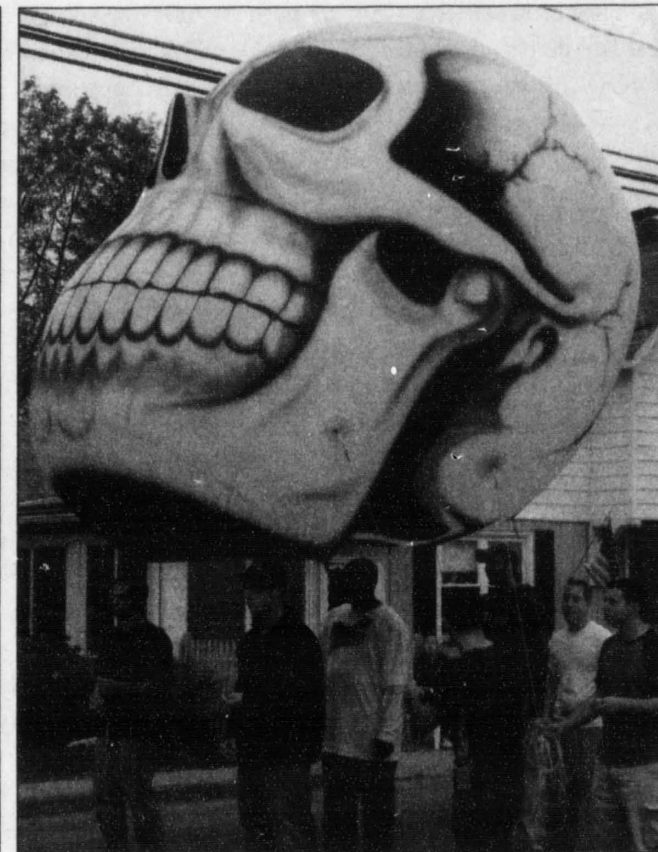


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show. The runway models were students from Mansfield University. Student runway model Ali Poston said: "It was a lot of fun. The show's

purpose was to let students see what's in style for any setting."

After a fun-filled weekend of events, students were invited to

gather at Zanzibar in the Hut to celebrate the successful homecoming weekend and enjoy light refreshments.

Father Leonard, Pastor and Courtney Murphy Hull, Catholic Campus Minister invite you to attend a weekend service at: Holy Child Catholic Church
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By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

The air is crisp, the wind can be brutal and the leaves are changing colors in Volgograd. Welcome to fall in Russia!

It literally happened overnight. Two days ago it was about 80 degrees and yesterday morning it was between 30 and 40 degrees Fahrenheit I would guess. It's hard to do the calculations from Celsius to Fahrenheit in your head when it's been a long time since science class.

I've talked a lot about the sights I've seen, places I've visited and I'll talk more about a museum I visited very shortly. I haven't talked much about transportation to those places. Marshutkas...I dread the word. Mini buses, much like a slightly larger than normal mini van. About twelve people all cram into this vehicle that goes over every possible bump in the road. You're jostled and hit your head.

You slide into unsuspecting Russians minding their own business and all of your bags seem to defy the laws of physics. It's a great ride unless you're carrying eggs and bread back from the supermarket.

Luckily, I did not have to take a marshutka to The Panorama Museum this week! The international office rented our own bus and all of the Americans went for a little excursion. The museum is dedicated to the battle of Stalingrad, with three floors of artifacts and artwork.

The top level is a cycloramic mural that spans over 200 meters and depicts battle scenes of the war. It's an amazing work of art that, surprisingly only has one seam. This means it's only one piece of canvas! Six Russian artists helped create the mural. Their pallettes, paints and brushes are in the museum on the second floor.

The first and second levels

have various paintings, newsprint and artifacts like motorcycles from both the Russian and German sides, weaponry and uniforms as well.

Having seen the movie "Stalingrad," I was prepared for some of what I was to see. I could remember vivid battle scenes, blood, terror and sadness. Going to the museum seemed to put it all together for me. It's a tragically beautiful story; the struggles of the Russian people, the heroism and the longevity over the years.

Movies are usually the only way people know anything about Russia and it's true for the American students. Being able to see things I've only dreamed about is an amazing experience. It's not always easy adjusting to a different culture, but it definitely helps that I'm seeing things that speak volumes about Russia's history.

RIAA brings lawsuits against 762 illegal file swapper's

The Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) recently filed copyright infringement lawsuits against more than 700 illegal file sharers, including individuals at 26 different universities across the country.

As part of legal action against 762 total illegal file sharers, 32 individuals at 26 different schools were sued by the major record companies for using their university networks to illegally distribute copyrighted sound recordings on unauthorized peer-to-peer services. During the past four years, illegal file sharing, particularly on college campuses, has been rampant. This and other forms of piracy are at the root of the music industry's multi-billion dollar drop in CD sales — a decline which has led to thousands of layoffs at the record companies and huge declines in royalty income for artists, songwriters, producers and other creators.

As with all the lawsuits filed so far this year, the RIAA is utilizing the "John Doe" litigation process, which is used to sue defendants whose names are not known. In addition to the "John Doe" lawsuits against 762 illegal file sharers today, last week the RIAA, on behalf of the record companies, brought lawsuits against 68 named defendants. These are

individuals who were identified through the litigation process and then declined or ignored an RIAA

overture to settle the case before it proceeded any further.

Cary Sherman, the RIAA's president, said the lawsuits against university network users were designed to drive home the message to students that unauthorized downloading has consequences

and that great legitimate alternatives are available. "We want music fans to enjoy music online, but in a fashion that compensates everyone who worked to create that music," Sherman said.

"There have been many exciting developments on the university front in recent months. An ever-expanding number of school administrators, often at the behest of students, are signing partnerships with



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The RIAA protects the artists rights and royalties.

legitimate online music services. Students get the benefit of high-quality, legal music while schools get to spend less time worrying about their students getting into trouble. It is a win-win for everyone."

The illegal file sharers sued in this round were using a variety of unauthorized peer-to-peer platforms, including

eDonkey, Kazaa and LimeWire.

The individuals included in today's legal action were on the networks of the following universities: Appalachian State University, Augsburg College, Claremont McKenna College, Colgate University, College on Mount Saint Vincent, Columbia University, Georgetown University, Hampton University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Kean College, Kent State, Louisiana State

University, Michigan State University, Minnesota State University, New York University, Pacific Lutheran University, Portland State University, St. John's University, Stanford University, State University of West Georgia, SUNY College at Old Westbury, University of Connecticut, University of Louisville, University of the South, Virginia State University, and Western Illinois University.

The Recording Industry Association of America is the trade group that represents the U.S. recording industry. Its mission is to foster a business and legal climate that supports and promotes our members creative and financial vitality. Its members are the record companies that comprise the most vibrant national music industry in the world. RIAA members create, manufacture, and/or distribute approximately 90% of all legitimate sound recordings produced and sold in the United States. In support of this mission, the RIAA works to protect intellectual property rights worldwide and the First Amendment rights of artists; conduct consumer industry and technical research; and monitor and review state and federal laws, regulations and policies.

Mansfieldians & jazz ensemble "Mansfield/Standard Time" Set for October 16

The Mansfieldians, directed by Sheryl Monkeliën, and the MU Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Michael Galloway, will combine forces to present their collaborative concert, "Mansfield / Standard Time." The concert will be held on Oct. 16, 2004 at 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The program will feature well-known jazz standards, as well as tunes that are not as well known. "It is always fun for singers to have the opportunity to perform with a big band, so we look forward to this concert every year," Monkeliën said. "Mike and I believe that the variety of styles presented includes something for the enjoyment of every listener."

The MU Jazz Ensemble will perform Stan Kenton's arrangement of September Song, Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey



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Mansfield University to host Jazz program on October 16th at 8 pm in Steadman Theatre

arranged by Tom Kubis, and Les Hoopers' Look What They've Done To My Song, Ma!

The Mansfieldians will present "Rockin' Chair", which was made famous by the Hi-Lo's, "Chili Con Carne", an original piece by the Swedish vocal jazz ensemble The Real Group, and Gene Puerling's arrangement of "Lullaby" by Johannes Brahms.

The concert will also include several selections which showcase the combined talents of both ensembles. The Mansfieldians and the MU Jazz Ensemble will join forces on a Phil Mattson / Mark Mattson arrangement of "My Melancholy Baby," Greg Yasinitsky's treatment of "I'm Gonna Sit Right Down and Write Myself a Letter," and "Samba Sin Palabras" by Antonio Garcia.

Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens. MU students with ID will be admitted free. Tickets can be purchased at the door or online at <http://music.mansfield.edu>

This performance is the final concert of a three-day tour through southeastern Pennsylvania and Maryland.

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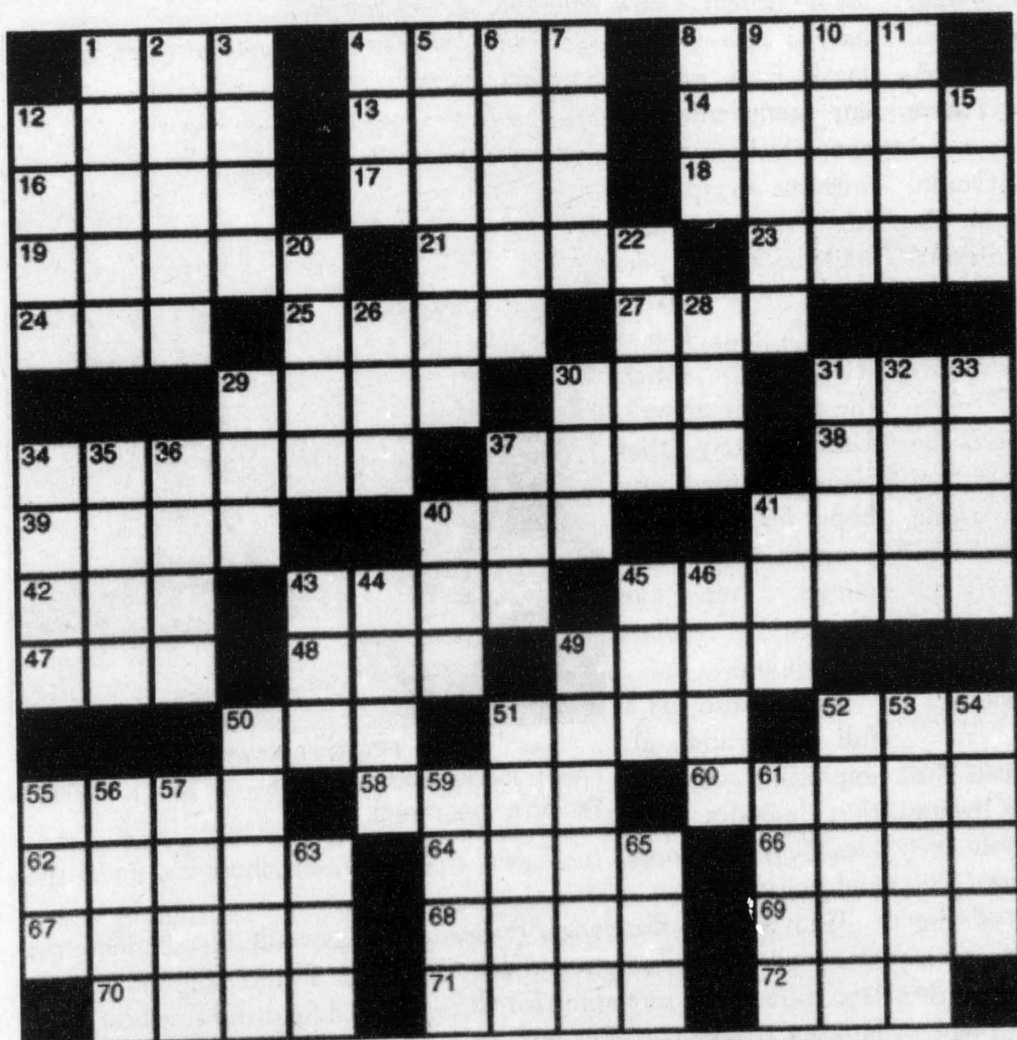


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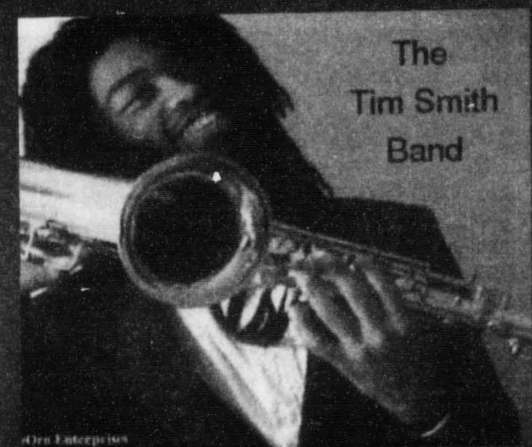
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BSU fashion show rocks the student body

Organization's third annual fashion show entertains large audience



PHOTO BY HANNAH KILLIAN/THE FLASHLIGHT

Na'eem Douglas and Sherry Fisher hosted the popular BSU fashion show on Saturday night of homecoming. Na'eem was crowned homecoming King earlier in the day, and Sherry was first runner up for Queen.

NICHOLAS E MAGHAMEZ

Special to the Flashlight

The Black Students Union's 3rd Annual Fashion Show rocked Straughn Auditorium Saturday night. "I think it went really well," one student said. "I laughed my socks off! It just keeps getting better with age, so I'm expecting big things next year."

The crowd of over 200 people was buzzing with electricity in anticipation of the highly hyped show. They were delivered their money's worth as the show began with a well organized dance routine, which was then followed by the first scene of the fashion show "punk rock." The "swimming/pajama" scene took place directly after and was a smash hit with the student body.

"It's much more than just a fashion show," said one student, "it's a great place to get some much needed laughs."

The rest of the scenes were: "business," "hip hop," and "anything goes."

Edward Watkins, a student at Mansfield University, participated in the fashion show. "It is definitely a different experience," Watkins said. "The crowd just keeps getting bigger every year." Watkins made the audience laugh all night long with his participation in scenes. In one scene Watkins portrayed a slave to his partner: a sex demanding diva.

The show included everything from a volunteer from the audience stripping to his underwear, to wannabe host rappers, to the Mansfield University Dance

Team performing a rousing number on stage. Unique outfits included a saran wrap suit, a caution tape outfit, and even election encouraging attire.

Na'eem Douglas, who is a member of BSU, was one of the hosts for the evening's show. "This was an excellent show. It definitely flowed." Douglas continued, "It just keeps getting better every year." Douglas also said the crowd had good energy and was inspiring to the participants.

When asked about how it felt to be the 2004 Homecoming King, Douglas said with a grin, "I'm speechless."

Congratulations to BSU for another great show. Next year's showing promises to bring even more laughs, great memories, and probably a expansive assortment of eye candy.

Restaurant review:

Tonino's offers a wide variety of entree and prices

By JOSEPH KING

Flashlight Features Editor

Authentic Italian food has become corrupted with American "cuisine" in the last twenty years or so as more and more Americans assemble at "modern" Italian restaurants and cafe's. Imagine my pleasure at discovering the authenticity of Tanino, a new restaurant located at 1-3 Ithaca Road in Horseheads, New York.

Crossing the threshold you must go through a heavy wooden door that immediately reminds one of the "old country," where you are immediately treated to a relaxing and casual yet elegant atmosphere. From the faux-plaster finish on the walls to the land and cityscape portraits on the wall, everything is utilized to create the effect of an authentic Italian experience. Through out the evening I observed the owners mingling with and introducing themselves to the guests, while Maurina was always friendly, Tony was downright jovial; like the aunt and uncle you grew up with that were always the life of the party with-

out becoming annoying.

The extensive menu is multifaceted with simple recipes that allow the taste of the individual ingredients to express themselves and compliment the other ingredients. With selections to fit everyone's tastes from vegetarian to the steak enthusiast, Tanino's accomplishes the task of including everyone's discernment easy, but deciding on an entrée much more complex exercise.

From a list of twelve appetizers, the decisions become complicated from the very beginning. The entrées include no less than fifteen pasta specialties, twelve Pollo (chicken) dishes and six Carni (beef and pork) entrées (include veal and this rises to lucky number thirteen). Add to this seven fish and several vegetarian dishes, as well as fresh brick oven pizza (whose recipes derive from a partnership with a restaurant in Roma Italy), and you understand the wide-ranging choices available.

We started with my favorite Italian appetizer, Caprese Salad (in this case, alla Erica): Roma tomatoes and homemade mozzarella

cheese with basil leaves and a perfect blend of olive oil and balsamic vinegar. The portion was huge and the cheese was heavenly. For seven dollars, this was undoubtedly one of the best values I have found in the area.

The soup was King's Onion, which in reality was a prime rib-based onion soup with traditional Italian seasonings that included all fresh herbs, creating an intense fusion of flavors that was simply out of this world.

My companion ordered the Roasted Salmon with picatta sauce. The cedar-plank roasting embedded the fish with the flavor of the cedar and mingled with the spices to create a light, yet full flavor that when paired with the imaginative picatta sauce was simply divine.

I was indecisive between the Chicken Bourgino and the Italian Roasted chicken, but upon the advice of the server I chose the Chicken Bourgino. One of the more complex menu items, this receipt included eggplant, artichoke hearts and prosciutto ham, all swathed in provolone cheese. I

am grate full to have discovered this savory delight, I now have a new favorite meal. Each ingredient subtly enhanced the chicken flavor without overpowering the dish's main ingredient. The portion was large enough that I had leftovers for lunch the next day as well. Unfortunately, that also prevented any hopes for desert that I might have entertained, but the tiramisu looked scrumptious.

Tanino's also has a full bar and an impressive wine list that includes both local New York wines and Italian vino.

With a menu that ranges from nine dollars to twenty-seven dollars, there is also something for all budgets. For the two of us, with an appetizer, two entrées and a glass

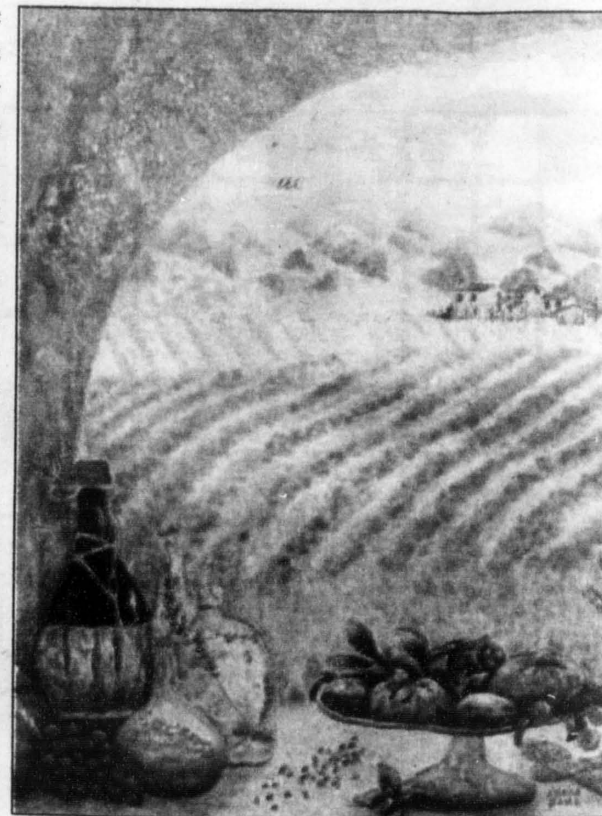


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Fresh foods and authentic recipes highlight Tanino's vast menu.

of wine, our check was under fifty dollars.

For a new dining experience that includes a great atmosphere, phenomenal food and true hospitality, give Tanino's a try. Tell them a friend sent you.

MU Students find Presidential debate engaging

BY BRETT HAGSTROM

Flashlight Writer

On Sept. 30, 2004, students across the Mansfield University campus had their television sets tuned in to the first debate between the two major presidential candidates. The Republican candidate, President George Bush, squared off against his Democrat opponent, Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts, in a live telecast from the University of Miami in Coral Gables, Florida.

Students on the third floor of

Hemlock Manor ordered take-out pizza and gathered in the lounge to watch the debate. For most of those students, the 2004 election is the first opportunity they have to help elect the next president of the United States. For those who are freshmen, it will be the first time they get the chance to vote in a general election.

In an informal poll taken after the debate, the majority of students on the third floor of Hemlock felt that Sen. Kerry was the winner because he had done a better job of

explaining his position on the war in Iraq, on the war against terrorism, and on American foreign policy in general. C. J., a Kerry supporter, said that the Democrat contender seemed to know more about what is happening in

the world than President Bush. However, even though Kerry was proclaimed the "winner" of the debate, Hemlock students said this debate was not enough to help them decide who should be elected president. Freshman B. H. said, "There are two more debates left, and I plan to make my decision after that final debate."

The next two debates between Bush and Kerry are on Oct. 8, 2004, from Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and Oct. 13, 2004, from Arizona State University in Tempe, AZ.

Some students didn't watch the debates because they didn't think they would have the ability to get home to vote. Mansfield students who live on campus, but have registered to vote at home, are eligible to

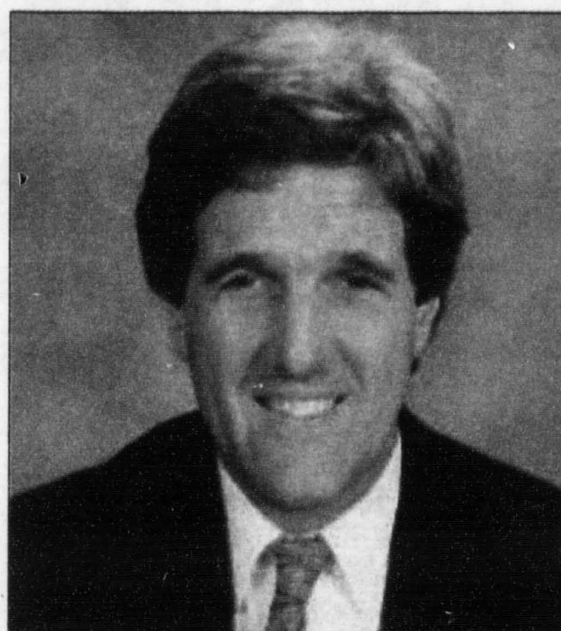


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Democratic Presidential Nominee John Kerry.

apply for absentee ballots. Because individual states have different requirements, students should contact their local board of elections or log on to their own state's website for more information. Students from Pennsylvania can learn more information, and download an absentee ballot application, by going to <http://www.state.pa.us/>.

The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot application in PA for the Nov. 2, 2004 election is 5 p.m. on Oct. 26, 2004.

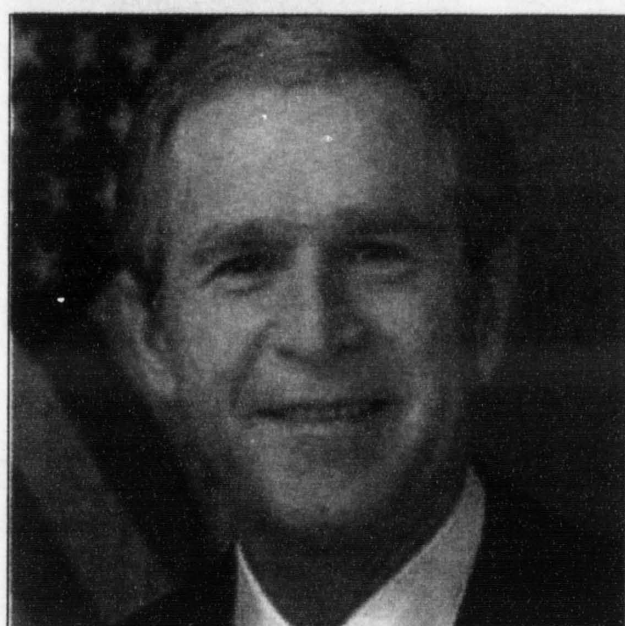


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President George W. Bush.

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⇒ In order to be counted, the ballot must either be delivered to the Board of Elections by the close of the polls on Election Day (9:00 p.m.), or be postmarked the day before the election and received by the Board of Elections no later than seven days after the election.

Additional information from
activoteamerica.com

Drop That Controller!

Nintendo's New Game, Donkey Konga, Goes Bonkers for Bongos

For years, video games have been governed by simple rules of control: Press one button to do this, press another button to do that. Now, Nintendo shatters that model by introducing the most novel video game accessories ever: bongos. Yes, bongos!

Donkey Konga, now available exclusively for Nintendo GameCube, combines the new DK Bongos controller with well-known musical selections to foster a wild, clapping, tapping and laughing party atmosphere. Players compete by thumping their bongos to the beat of songs like "What I Like About You," "Whip It" and "All the Small Things." The better your rhythm, the better your score.

George Harrison, Nintendo of America's senior vice president of

marketing and corporate communications, recommends this game for the holiday season. "If you like music and video games, you'll love this addictive new game, available just in time for the start of the holidays," Harrison said. "Once you play Donkey Konga, we know you won't be able to keep your hands off the drums."

Each DK Bongos controller has a left and right drum. The on-screen musical action instructs players to tap one or both drums to the beat of the selected song or follow the beat with a clap, which is picked up by a built-in microphone. Each player has a different arrangement for each song, when players are in synch with the music, it sounds great. When they don't, it's hilarious.



PHOTO FROM WWW.GAMESPOT.COM
Donkey Kong is back with a vengeance.

Even people who've never before played a video game can grasp Donkey Konga instantly and start having fun. The game's side-splitting nature is best revealed in musical bongo jam sessions between up to four friends, family members or co-workers.

Single-player modes offer their

own musical tests of skill, challenging players to earn coins and unlock special sound effects such as barnyard animal noises, dogs barking, or effects from classic Nintendo video games.

Donkey Konga is available now at an MSRP of \$49.99, which includes one DK Bongos controller. Additional DK Bongos controllers can be purchased separately for \$29.99. The standard Nintendo GameCube controller also can be used with the game.

The worldwide leader and innovator in the creation of interactive entertainment, Nintendo Co., Ltd., of Kyoto, Japan, manufactures and markets hardware and software for its popular home and portable video game systems. Each year, hundreds of all-new titles for

the best-selling Game Boy Advance and Nintendo GameCube systems extend Nintendo's vast game library and continue the tradition of delivering a rich, diverse mix of quality video games for players of all ages.

Since the release of its first home video game system in 1983, Nintendo has sold more than 1.9 billion video games and more than 170 million hardware units globally, creating enduring industry icons such as Mario and Donkey Kong and launching popular culture franchise phenomena such as Metroid, Zelda and Pokemon. A wholly owned subsidiary, Nintendo of America Inc., based in Redmond, Wash., serves as headquarters for Nintendo's operations in the Western Hemisphere.

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



Debating the value of debate

Why debates are an important part of the election process

By THERESA BENNER
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Last week's Presidential Debate has surely been the hot topic in political news and conversation over the past weekend, although it surprised me to hear how many people feel that debates in general are unnecessary.

Many individuals whom I've spoken with since the debate aired last Thursday, and even some analysts who spoke on television, argued that answers given during debates are too scripted/rehearsed to be used as basis for judging political character. I've also heard the argument that just because a candidate is a more eloquent speaker does not mean they are the better candidate.

While I do agree that good public speaking is not the ONLY criteria we should judge candidates on, I think that an advanced ability to articulate ideas and concepts should be expected of every candidate. Granted, Hitler was an excellent orator, and I'm certainly not suggesting that we elect anyone of his likeness, but I feel that we need to take into consideration which candidates will best represent us. The ideal candidate should not be someone who merely promotes the values we personally

think are important to America, but rather a combination someone who embodies these values and has the best capability to convey them to an audience. I guess what I'm saying, in short, is that we need to expect more of political candidates.

In regards to the questions and answers being overly scripted or rehearsed, it doesn't bother me one bit. I want to know that a candidate took his or her time to carefully prepare and go over all of their statements. Isn't that what good public speaking is about?

I know that the position of the President is a very important and complex role, but I personally feel that the primary goal of the President should be to convey the thoughts and ideas of the nation as clearly and with as much charisma as possible.

While President George W. Bush seems to be equally praised for his "down-home" speaking style as he is ridiculed, it seems to me that there should be specific situations where it is and is not acceptable. For example, I certainly don't mind this type of average talk when I see him on an ESPN countdown show or a Fishing program, but I feel that one needs to be able to act and speak more professionally in

situations such as a political debate or when meeting with foreign leaders. It makes me very uncomfortable to think of our leader using phrases like "group o' folks" when speaking with important international figures. But I've strayed from the point.

Getting back to why debates are important, I guess I have to ask what debates could possibly be replaced by? I personally think that debates are the closest we'll ever get to having candidates present their plans/ideas in an unbiased environment, but with the popularity of reality TV shows some might suggest that we just do a political series. Perhaps "Eliminate a Candidate" could be a hit; where the Presidential candidates get to spend a romantic evening with a pop figure or journalist of our choice. Maybe a twist on the *Surreal World* where they all get to spend a zany week at The White House, full of activities and drama. Actually, if we're looking to increase the number of voters overall, maybe "American Ideal" would be our best choice. The public could simply call in their votes for which candidate was most appealing, or at least entertaining, and never have to leave their houses on election day.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Are political debates helpful or overrated?

E-mail your thoughts on this to flashopinions@yahoo.com

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Flashlight Editor:

"A single vote doesn't matter." Heading toward the November 2 General Election, there is no place in the US where that statement is less true than in Pennsylvania. Pennsylvania has 21 electoral votes. Gore won Pennsylvania from Bush in 2000 by 4.3% or about 200,000 voters, and won Pennsylvania's electoral college votes. In the 2004 election, it's too close to call.

The <http://www.gallup.com> poll reported on September 30, "The three key show-down states in this year's election show President George Bush leading Democratic nominee John Kerry in Florida, while both candidates are engaged in close races in Ohio and Pennsylvania...Bush has a [slight lead in] Pennsylvania (49% to 46%), within the polls' margins of error." Gallup.com also reported October 3rd on their post-debate poll, stating "John Kerry won the debate Thursday night, 53% to 37%, according to a random sample of 615 registered voters who watched the event. Almost half of the viewers said they felt more favorable about the Senator because of the debate, and 60% said Kerry expressed himself more clearly than did President Bush." The polls will go up and down as the debates continue and as election day draws closer.

Your vote - your single vote - could tip the balance in PA. The electoral votes in PA could decide the next President. If you are a Pennsylvania voter, your vote really matters. If you are registered, go to the polls on November 2.

If you need an absentee ballot, go to: <http://www.votespa.com>, click on How to Vote in the left column, click on Absentee Balloting, print out the application form, fill out it, sign it, and mail it to the address listed for your home county (addresses found via the link below the ballot application link). Submit your application by October 20 so you will have time to get the ballot and return it. Make sure the county election office receives your ballot before October 29. (Note - it may take awhile for the absentee ballot to get to you - the

ballots are not printed yet and will be delayed because of the pending court decisions about whether Ralph Nader will be listed on the PA ballot).

If you will vote in another state, your vote still matters because this will be a close race, and because you have the right to vote, and that right was hard-won. Respect those who won the right to vote for all of us who are ethnic minorities, women, and/or young adults. Respect your fellow citizens by voting for your interests, and theirs. Respect democracy by supporting free speech and fair and free elections.

Respect the right to vote by being an informed voter. Make sure your information sources are credible; that includes the candidates themselves. Use sources that are not overly biased, or that give you a simplistic or limited amount of information. We learn virtually nothing from a 15- or 30-second campaign commercial so we don't watch them. Network and cable news give us some information, but again it is often in 60- to 90-second stories that lack depth and context. We can learn more by reading the New York Times, the Washington Post, or the AP and Reuters newswires online, for free, in 30 minutes than we can from hours of television. Access multiple news services at <http://news.yahoo.com>. Go to <http://www.nytimes.com>, or subscribe to the free daily Today's Headlines email service at <http://www.nytimes.com/memberscenter>. Find out what the British press is reporting at <http://www.guardian.co.uk>. Find out what the Israeli and Middle-eastern press is reporting at <http://www.haaretzdaily.com> and <http://english.aljazeera.net/HomePage>. Watch the debates. The Presidential candidate debates are scheduled for October 8 and 13. (The single VP candidate debate was October 5.) Discuss the election with your friends and in your classes.

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Associate Professor of Theatre

Commentary: 868 words of cliché

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

In one of my classes, we were studying the work of Allen Ginsberg, and more specifically we were going over his poem "America" which expressed much of his dissatisfaction with the course that America had embarked on in the 1950's. It was by all accounts an inspiring poem and it made me think about what it is today that I am dissatisfied with in American life; it made me wonder to myself what I thought was the problem with America today.

For one, I don't think that the Beat Generation from which Allen Ginsberg came up in was that different. I believe that a lot of people are unsatisfied with their lives today or even were in the 1950s, but what made the Beats so special was that they were perhaps the first to so clearly articulate the emptiness that comes from the strive for material happiness, and on the same token, the emptiness that is felt when one seeks satisfaction by escaping or transcending the traditional desires but eventually coming up short.

Admittedly somebody reading this could think that surely there are a minority of people that are satisfied, but I think that even they would admit to sometime feeling a lack in their lives. This doesn't answer the question though; I'm just restating my problem. Why are so many people so unhappy? Why do I, as an individual, feel so frustrated sometimes?

In another of my classes this week we were talking about the marginal decision rule, or in other words, the art of maximizing the benefit you derive from any particular cost. In part of the discussion, the professor asked the class, "Why did you come to college?" What a question. Why did I come to college? What else was I going to do? I didn't want to work my life away in some crap job in a factory, mindlessly wrapping candy bars until my fingers fall off, but at the same time I had (have) no clue what I wanted to do with my life. So I came to college seeking some sort of divine inspiration as to what I was to do.

It seems that many of my colleagues in that class felt the same, as "to get a job" is the first and only answer that was uttered in response to this lofty question. Sit back and consider the implications and answer the following line of questions. Why do you need a job? Why do you need money? Once you land a job, a house, a family, a boat, new vinyl siding, a garden, a time-

share, send your kids to college, retire, and die, what will you have accomplished? Accumulation of 'stuff' so your kids can accumulate stuff.

Yikes! This is getting a little too much like *Fight Club*.

I'm not trying to incite you to realize the cyclical nature of it all and destroy all the credit card companies in America, but I am trying to figure out what the point of enduring four years more years of education is just so you can land a better job and make more money. I believe this view of college and academia is leading to problems in America. There is more to college than getting a piece of paper that will raise your starting salary, and getting drunk on the weekends or playing Gamecube all day long.

I think the two biggest problems facing most Americans in their day to day lives are not terrorism or the conflict in Iraq, but Regret and Mediocrity. I believe that too many people spend their youthful years of having little responsibility and maximum freedom by trying to get a piece of paper that will let them make a bigger salary than the next guy, but ultimately the larger salary, the boat, the timeshare and so on will leave you with an empty feeling that everything you've accumulated is emotionally worthless.

When I set out to write this article, I was trying to show that most people value the unimportant things, that we live in a culture of blind and total consumerism and that most people waste their lives caring about these sorts of things. What I've realized however in writing this is that most people care about the material to fill a void left by something else.

Sometimes when I tell people that I'm a philosophy major, I am asked "so what's the meaning of life" and I usually don't really know what to say to them. We don't really talk about that kind of question because in the end, nobody knows. I suppose it might very well be possible that life in the grand scheme of the universe is pretty minor and unimportant. There might not be a god and what you do will probably not be remembered, but who cares? You have to make meaning for yourself and meaning for other people. So if going home to your big empty house makes you feel good, so be it, but I think a better use of your time and education would be to exact some kind of change for the better, you might find that you actually maximize your benefit for real this time.

Ichiro re-writes the record book, but did we really notice it?

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

"Records are made to be broken." I do not know a sole who has not heard this old adage. In the world of sports, records are the building blocks of statistics. This is a very accurate statement when it comes to professional sports, especially Major League Baseball.

One of the only reasons anyone cared about how many homeruns Mark McGwire would hit in the 1998 season was because he was approaching a 37-year-old record. Of course, whenever Babe Ruth's name falls somewhat near the record in jeopardy, the media world will go ballistic. For those of you living underneath a rock, Babe Ruth held the single season record for homeruns hit with 60 in 1927. Roger Maris would one-up him 34 years later with 61.

Think about the records in which we as part of the world of athletic supporters (I know it means jock straps) consider the most dynamic records. The records themselves basically need to be flashy or incredibly impressive to grab the attention of the average sports fan.

I think it goes without discussion that the constant focus on the homerun record, now property of Barry Bonds with 73, solidifies its place on the list of the dynamic few. And what case do we have to argue that it should not be on the list? After all, I believe it was then Atlanta Braves ace Tom Glavine who said "Chicks dig the long-ball." It's true Tommy boy; in 13 years of baseball I never once got the girl by breaking up a no-hitter or hitting a game-winning RBI single. Come to think of it, I never once got the girl...you know what, that's beside the point. Everyone loves a homer; Simpson or not.

What is next on the old list? Well, I would say one record which will last quite some time is the "Iron Man streak" set by Cal Ripken Jr. of the Baltimore Orioles on Sept. 6, 1995. Ripken broke the 56-year-old record. No, check that. Ripken obliterated the 56-year-old record. Lou Gehrig, you may have heard of him, played in 2,130 consecutive games until he fell ill with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) otherwise known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. Ironic, right? Well, no one thought that could ever be broken.

Then there was Cal. He came to work everyday for 2,632 consecutive games. It is completely absurd for an athlete to avoid major injuries for 18 years; especially when they play as hard as Ripken. It will most likely be another 56 years until that streak is challenged.

Speaking of 56, it would not be a collection of baseball records without the mention of Joe Dimaggio's 56-game hit streak. This is perhaps one of the toughest baseball records to approach, not to mention surpass. Anytime a player reaches 20 games, the media grabs the story and runs with it. Nearly every season, a player will hit in 30 or so consecutive games. But just as the New York Mets playoff chances do year after year, the streak will end soon after 30 games. "Joltin' Joe's" streak will be tough to beat, but it is really the most impressive?

Think about what just happened last Friday night in Seattle. Ichiro Suzuki became the all-time single season hit leader when he laced a single to the outfield for no. 258 against the Texas Rangers. He would then tack on another four hits to end the year with 262. The man averaged just fewer than 1.63

hits per game and know what will.

The big part of this story is barely a story. Comparing the record, and the hit record was nothing, that?

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While the record book is being rewritten, I heard, "Sure, he has a lot of hits, but they're all singles." I replied "Are you kidding? Statement like this fuels a debate.

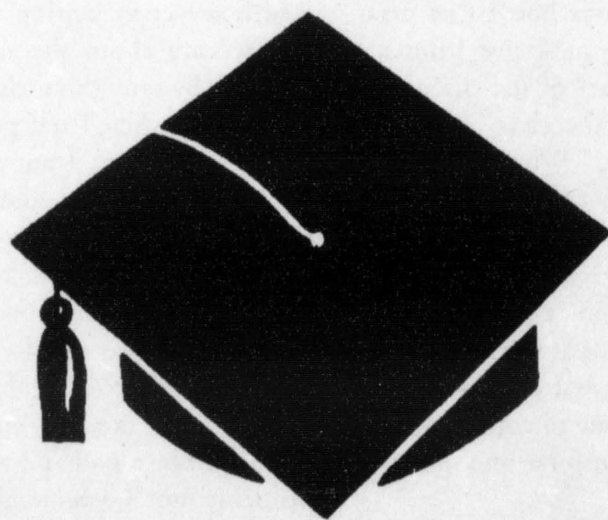
Sure, 2's hits were singles, but he had one at-bat in

the clean-up position. He is a lead-off hitter. His job is to get on base and be the table setter for the Seattle Mariners. Suzuki recorded 101 of the 683 runs scored by the Mariners in 2004. With a .414 on base percentage and a .372 avg., I would say that he has done an exceptional job in the leadoff spot. A hit is a hit. Unless you are alright with relying on the solo homerun for the majority of your team's runs, I would never discount a hit.

In four seasons, Suzuki has amassed 924 hits. Imagine if he were an 18-year-old kid coming into the big leagues instead of a 27-year-old rookie from the Japanese League in 2001. We may be talking about Suzuki going after Bonds' career hit record (4,256) instead of just Sisler.

In no way am I saying that Bonds' homerun record is not impressive because it is. There is a reason why no one has hit that many before; it is hard to do. The same goes for the streaks. However, what I am saying is just because the base hit record is not as glamorous as a homerun record, does not mean it should be downplayed. The passing of Sisler's record should be celebrated, as should Suzuki.

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Who does the NFL think they are, Major League Baseball?

By TED MINNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

Trades in the National Football League are about as common as the Cubs winning the World Series. Okay, maybe not that rare. Before this summer, trades in the NFL only occurred at two separate times. The first time is at the NFL draft, where most trades do, not even include big name players. The second time is when your Madden team needs a quarterback. In the NFL, even more so than any other sport, players utilize the free agency. Every fall, veteran and rookie players find themselves looking for work after teams cut their roster down just before the season starts. It is at this time when most players will switch teams and teams go looking for a good buy on the free agent market. Trades are not common in the NFL like they are in every other sport. The trade deadlines in the other professional sports are usually big news makers. Teams jockey for playoff position and try to stock their roster for a deep run into the playoffs. When the trade deadline passes in the NFL, no one even notices.

The last major trade in the NFL that I can recall came back in 1999 when the Indianapolis Colts traded running back Marshall Faulk and a pick to the St. Louis Rams for a higher pick in the draft. The Colts used the pick to select running back Edgerrin James, a good trade for both teams. Faulk would end up lead-

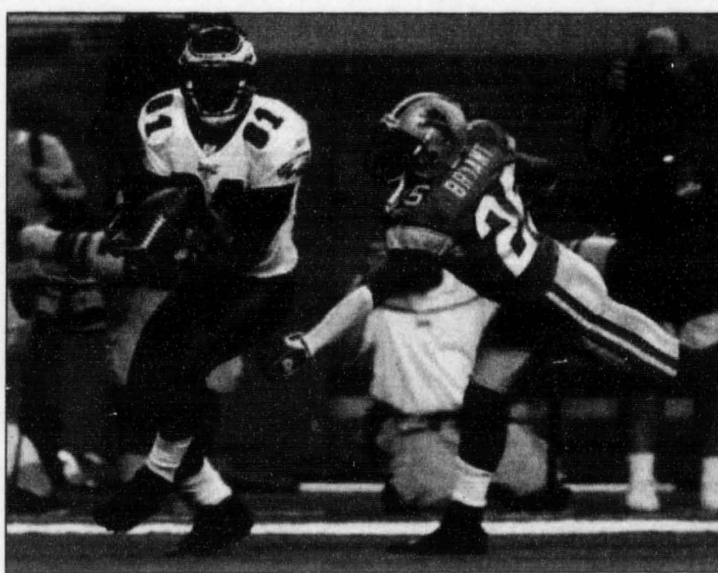
ing the Rams to two Super Bowls, winning one. James ended up being the missing piece in Indianapolis, completing the trio of young stars that would make the Colts a continual competitor in the American Football Conference for years to come.

This past summer, though, a few NFL teams began to buck the trend and they started to make trades. There were three major trades that may change the way the NFL looks at trades. The first major one was between the

Washington Redskins and the Denver Broncos. The Redskins traded Pro Bowl cornerback Champ Bailey for the Broncos Pro Bowl running back Clinton Portis. The trade addressed a major need for both teams. Denver's secondary was one of the weakest in the league in 2003. The addition of Bailey gave Denver a true shut-down corner. The Redskins received one of the premiere young runners in the league. In new/old Coach Joe Gibbs' offense a strong running back is key. Portis gave Gibbs just what he needed and the Redskins a true rushing superstar for many years to come. The trade did raise an interesting question though.

What is more important, a star runner or a shut-down corner? Early signs point that a great corner may be more important than you think as the Redskins are only 1-3 after four games while Denver is 2-1. Portis is doing all he can for the Redskins though, as he has accumulated 392 total yards and two touchdowns.

The second big trade in the off-season was actually two trades and involved three teams. Terrell Owens was to become a free agent,



AP PHOTO/PAUL SANCYA

Terrell Owens (81) is among the top receivers in the National Football League. In four games with his new team, the Philadelphia Eagles, Owens is averaging 91 yards per game to go along with his six touchdowns.

when his agent missed the deadline to file for free agency Owens wanted out of San Francisco. He was initially traded to the Baltimore Ravens, but the Philadelphia Eagles filed a complaint with the league that something illegal occurred.

After a drawn out process, Owens was finally declared property of the Eagles and a three team trade was completed to try and satisfy each team. San Francisco received defensive end Brandon Whiting while Baltimore received a fifth-round pick for their trouble. The Eagles ended up with the star wide receiver they had been missing. The trade has been a huge success for the Eagles thus far. Through four games, Owens has six touchdowns and 364 yards. Whiting on the other hand, only had 16 career sacks beforehand and has only three tackles and zero sacks this season. Even though there were fewer big names involved in this trade than the Bailey-for-Portis trade, this one has arguably had a bigger impact.

The last of the three big trades occurred just before that start of 2004 season. The Miami Dolphins had signed free agent wide receiver David Boston to complete their offense. A season ending injury to Boston and the retirement of running back Ricky Williams left the Dolphins with many question marks on their offense. The Dolphins needed offense and were willing to do whatever it took to get some. It

took their best defensive player from last year, Adewale Ogunleye. Ogunleye led the Dolphins last year in sacks (15) and was third in the NFL. He also recorded 73 total tackles. Luckily for the Dolphins, the defensive end was holding out for a bigger contract. They ended up trading him to the Chicago Bears for wide receiver Marty Booker. Booker was the Bears leading wide receiver for the last three years, and set a franchise record in the 2003 season finale in consecutive games with a reception (58). Booker ended the 2003 season with 52 catches for 715 yards and four touchdowns. Booker was just the type of receiver the Dolphins were looking for. Even though the Booker for Ogunleye trade may not have been fair for the Dolphins, they needed to trade the defensive end as his hold out was starting to become another unnecessary distraction.

It was a big surprise to football fans to see this many trades in the off-season. I enjoyed seeing these trades occur because they added some extra interest to the upcoming NFL season. But, I do not hope this is a sign of things to come. I truly hope we are not witnessing the beginning of a trade-crazy NFL, just like all the other professional sports. In the NFL, more than in any other sport, players are more likely to stay true to their original team and I hope that the little bit of loyalty left in sports stays alive.

Picks of the Week

Week 1

	Mike Peters (9-7)	Sarah Stoermer (8-8)	Mike Pastore (11-5)	Chad Landers (13-3)	Jonathan Schwab (12-4)
Browns @ Cowboys	Cowboys	Browns	Cowboys	Cowboys	Cowboys
Texans @ Lions	Lions	Lions	Texans	Texans	Lions
Bears @ Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers
Colts @ Titans	Colts	Titans	Colts	Colts	Colts
Panthers @ Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Panthers	Chiefs	Chiefs
49ers @ Saints	Saints	49ers	Saints	Saints	Saints
Redskins @ Giants	Giants	Giants	Redskins	Redskins	Redskins
Rams @ Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons
Broncos @ Jaguars	Jaguars	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Jaguars
Steelers @ Ravens	Steelers	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
Seahawks @ Bucs	Seahawks	Seahawks	Bucs	Seahawks	Seahawks
Patriots @ Cardinals	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Jets @ Chargers	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Chargers
Bills @ Raiders	Bills	Bills	Bills	Raiders	Bills
Dolphins @ Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals	Bengals
Vikings @ Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles

The Flashlight Sports

"Question of the Week"

Who was the best pitcher in Major League Baseball in 2004?

Johan Santana, Minnesota Twins

Roger Clemens, Houston Astros

Curt Schilling, Boston Red Sox

Roy Oswalt, Houston Astros

Jason Schmidt, San Francisco Giants

Mansfield University Hall of Fame inducts four on Friday

The Mansfield University Alumni/Athletic Hall of Fame will hold its 22nd induction ceremony this Friday evening in Manser North Dining Hall.

John Michael Cook '95, Tom Costello, Carl Lindquist '41, and Duane MacDonald '91 will be enshrined. James Platt from the Class of 1898 will be inducted into the Legends Category.

John Michael Cook was a two-time All-American catcher, playing on three of the most successful teams in school history. Mansfield won three Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) championships and made two NCAA Division II World Series appearances during his career.

Tom Costello had a long and distinguished career at Mansfield as a coach and administrator. He served as an assistant football coach under head coaches Ed Smelack (1959-61), Robert "Tut" Moore (1961-66), Rod Kelchner (1966-68) and Joe Bottiglieri, while also serving as an assistant baseball coach to Dr. John Heaps. Costello was also a successful head women's basketball and softball coach at Mansfield and served the University in many roles including interim president.

Carl Lindquist was a native of Morris Run, PA and a stellar baseball player at Mansfield

before signing a professional contract with the Boston Braves in 1940. He made his first professional appearance with the Elmira Pioneers that season. He appeared in the Major Leagues with the Braves in 1943 and 1944 as part of his 12 year professional baseball career. He is one of six Mountaineers to appear in the Major Leagues.

Duane MacDonald was a four-year starter on the gridiron for the Mountaineers and three-time All-PSAC East selection. At the time of his graduation, MacDonald was the PSAC all-time leading pass catcher with 177 career receptions.

James Platt becomes the 27th member of the Legends Category established in 1992 to honor players who performed for the Mountaineers prior to 1927 when the institution was known as Mansfield State Normal School. Platt played for the undefeated Mountaineer teams of 1896 and 1897 at fullback before going on to star for Lafayette College.

The Hall of Fame is the highest award Mansfield University can bestow on a member of its athletic programs. It honors not only their athletic achievement, but recognizes the impact they have had on the lives of their families, teammates and friends.

Mansfield takes fifth at Tidewater Fall Classic

By JONATHAN SCHWAB

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University cross country team competed in the Tidewater Fall Classic on Saturday, Oct. 2 in Salisbury, Md. It was a successful day for both the men's and the women's teams, as each posted a top-five finish as a team. Each team had at least one runner in the individual top three.

The women's team finished fifth overall out of nine teams. They were led by Charity Learn. Learn remained undefeated in three races this year, as she outpaced a pack of 76 runners to win. Learn finished with a time 21:38, defeating her nearest competitor, Molly Lare of Kutztown, by 16 seconds.

Also placing high for the Mansfield women was Rachel Hall, who finished third for the Mounties. Hall completed the race with a time of 22:34.

Robyn Ireland placed 30th with a time of 24:48. Jenna Phillips finished three seconds behind Ireland, at 24:51, placing 31st. Jamie Sweitzer completed the race in 72nd with a time of 31:51.

The men's cross country team also placed fifth out of nine teams in the meet. They were led by Chris Cummings. Cummings finished in third place out of 92 runners with a time of 25:40. Cummings finished only four seconds behind winner Allen Pryde of Shippensburg. Shippensburg won

the team competition.

Seven other runners contributed for the Mansfield men. Rich Correll placed 43rd with a time of 27:51. Dave Neal posted a time of 28:32, good for 56th place. Seth Tucker finished in 62nd place with a time of 29:07. He was followed by Ben Israel, who finished 63rd with a time of 29:08. Justin Proctor placed 67th for the Mounties, as he posted a time of 29:29. Derek Weiss placed 70th with a time of 29:56. Joe Trapani posted a time of 31:35 to finish in 79th place.

The Mounties men's and women's cross country teams get back into action at 10 a.m. on Oct. 16 when they compete at the Penn State Invitational.

This Week in Mountie Sports

	Thursday 10/7	Friday 10/8	Saturday 10/9	Sunday 10/10	Monday 10/11	Tuesday 10/12	Wednesday 10/13
Cross Country							
Field Hockey			Shippensburg noon				
Football			at Cheney 1 p.m.				
Soccer			West Chester 1:30 p.m.			at Bloomsburg 2:30 p.m.	

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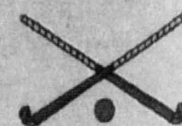
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Mansfield field hockey falls again Mansfield soccer drops to 2-8 with a loss to Shippensburg

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

As October begins, so does the second half of the season for the Mansfield University women's field hockey team. The Mounties played to a 2-8 record in the first half, with wins against Slippery Rock University and Millersville University. It is now head coach Diane Monkiewicz's time to lead her team past the tough PSAC competition, all of which the Mounties have seen once already.

The Mounties first challenge came on Sept. 30 against the sixth ranked Golden Bears of Kutztown University. Although the Mounties fought hard in their first meeting, they came away with a close 4-3 loss. Kutztown proved to be superior the second time around as the Golden Bears dominated the second half of the game to win 6-2.

Lauren Blain started off Kutztown's scoring 10 minutes into the game when she scored on a Lauren McCabe assist to give the Golden Bears the early 1-0 lead. The Mounties came firing right back as freshman forward Rianne Higgins scored her fourth goal of the season to tie the score at 1-1. Both teams tightened up on defense, refusing to let either side break the tie. However, it was Mandi Turner's assist to Laura Belfdatti that put the Golden Bears in the lead with two minutes left until halftime, 2-1.

Kutztown showed that they were the aggressor in the second half, scoring two goals in the first 10 minutes to extend their lead to 4-1. Seven minutes into the second half, Turner recorded her second assist of the game as she helped Blain score her second goal of the game. Two minutes later, it was Turner's turn to finally net a goal off a Ciara Borden assist, making the score 4-1. The Mounties wouldn't be denied, though, as they continued to fight back in the game. Sophomore sensa-

tion Alissa Gallagher scored on an assist from senior forward Kristen Campbell with 12 minutes left in the game to cut the lead back to 4-2. Gallagher has seven goals on the season, a team high.

The Mounties didn't have enough in the end as they let two more goals by to lose the game 6-2. Turner completed her amazing day with another unassisted goal, giving her two goals and two assists in the Golden Bear victory. McCabe added a goal in the second half with less than a minute



RACHEL BOYLL AND HANNAH KILLIAN/THE FLASHLIGHT
Jessica Wieder is a sophomore back for Mansfield University.

left in the game to go with her earlier assist to put a fitting cap on the game.

The Golden Bears out shot the Mounties 19-9 for the game, as junior Katie Heil recorded 10 saves for the game. With the loss, the Mounties fell to 2-9 overall and 2-6 in the PSAC. Kutztown improved to 10-2 overall, 6-2 in the PSAC, and maintains the sixth ranking in the nation.

As the second half of the season continued for the Mounties, they looked to get another win from one of their favorite teams to play, Slippery Rock University. In the past four meetings between these two teams, the Mounties have won every single game.

Oct. 2 would be no different than the previous four outcomes, as the Mounties defeated visiting Slippery Rock 3-2. Junior Ashley Meta wasted no time in starting the scoring for the Mounties as she scored her first goal of the season off a corner only three

minutes into the game. Senior mid-fielder Chelsea Phillips scored six minutes later to give the Mounties a commanding 2-0 lead heading into halftime. Phillips' goal is her first of her career.

The Mounties added to their lead in the second half when Campbell converted a penalty shot six minutes into the second half, making the score 3-0. Campbell keeps pace with Gallagher for the team lead in goals; as it stands Gallagher with seven and Campbell with six. Slippery

Rock would fight back, scoring five minutes later to cut the score to 3-1. Lara Winter assisted Laura Strano on the goal, keeping Slippery Rock's hopes alive. Things brightened for Slippery Rock as Ashley Hanna scored unassisted one minute later, cutting the Mounties lead to a single goal, 3-2. Slippery Rock fought hard to the end, even as time expired they had a possibly penalty corner opportunity, but squandered it. The Mounties ended the game with the victory, 3-2.

Heil played in goal the entire game again, saving five shots and preserving the Mounties win. The Mounties out shot Slippery Rock 18-10, improving their record to 3-9 overall and 3-6 in the PSAC. Slippery Rock falls to 1-10 overall, and 0-9 in the PSAC. The Mounties hit the road on Oct. 6 to play CW Post in search of their first winning streak of the season.

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

As September ends and October begins, the Mansfield University women's soccer team is looking to "turn over a new leaf" so to speak. The Mounties are feeling the effects of injuries to the team as they are stuck in an eight game losing streak.

The most recent of losses came at the hands of Shippensburg University on Oct. 2, 1-0. In the close game, the Mounties succeeded in keeping Shippensburg scoreless in the first half, as both teams entered halftime tied at 0-0. Sophomore goalie Nicole Rodweller did an excellent job in the first half, saving two shots to keep the game scoreless.

Junior Julie Miller stepped into goal in the second half and played tough as well, recording four saves in her half of play. However, Lindsay Smith scored in the 73:00 minute to break the tie for Shippensburg. The game ended with that single goal as the deciding factor as the Mounties lost on Homecoming Day.

Shippensburg, facing the Mounties for the second time in a span of 10 days, out shot the Mounties 21-2 in the game. In the first meeting between these two teams, the Mounties dropped another close game at home 1-0. Rodweller played that entire

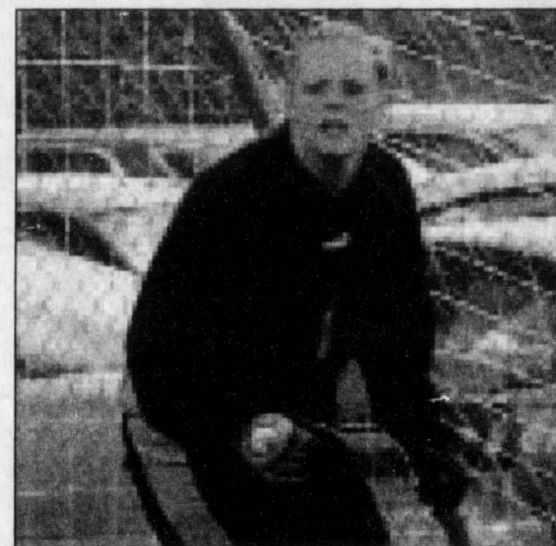


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Nicole Rodweller, a sophomore goal keeper for Mansfield shares time in the net with junior Julie Miller. Rodweller has 56 saves this season.

game, facing 20 shots, while the Mounties only managed five of their own.

The Mountaineers fall to 2-8 on the season and 0-6 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Eastern Division. Shippensburg University improves to 6-5-1 on the season and 3-2-1 in the PSAC East.

In the midst of the losing streak, the Mounties are scoreless in their last five games. The Mounties will look to end their scoring/winning drought as they host the Warriors of East Stroudsburg University on Oct. 6.

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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2004

Mansfield goes to 0-5 with a loss to Lock Haven

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team saw their record slip to 0-5 in heartbreaking fashion. They fell 33-30 to Lock Haven in overtime last Saturday, Oct. 2 at Karl Van Norman Field. Lock Haven improved to 2-4 overall with the win.

Early on, the game did not have the appearance of another memorable Homecoming Day struggle. After both teams traded scoreless possessions, Lock Haven found the scoreboard first. Despite being penalized three times on the drive, the Lock Haven offense put the ball in the end zone when quarterback Tim Storino hit Adam Lawrence for a 23-yard touchdown pass to give the Bald Eagles a 7-0 lead.

Mansfield's offense sputtered in the first quarter. The Mountaineers generated 18 yards of total offense in the first stanza. Mansfield's third three and out of the first quarter set up Lock Haven for their second scoring drive of the game. The Bald Eagles needed nine plays to drive to the Mansfield 23-yard line but had to settle for a 40-yard field goal by kicker Danny Hagerman. The three-pointer gave Lock Haven a 10-0 advantage early in the second quarter.

The Mounties were in desperate need of a spark and on the ensuing kickoff they got it from Ronnie

Montgomery. The junior cornerback took the kick back a school record 100 yards to cut the Lock Haven lead to 10-7. Montgomery explained that he saw daylight and went right for it. "I was in the end zone and just saw that our kickoff team opened a seam down the middle and decided to go for it," Montgomery said. "I hit the seam and cut back left down the sidelines and the blocks were there." The big return got the momentum rolling for the Mountaineers.

Mansfield stopped Lock Haven on its next offensive series and wasted no time getting their offense on track. Spurred on by a 42-yard completion from Hildebrand to wide receiver Kody Crispell, Mansfield drove 73 yards to take their first lead of the afternoon. The drive was completed on an 11-yard pass play from Hildebrand to Bennett. The extra point attempt by Hair was missed, leaving Mansfield with a 13-10 lead they took into halftime.

The third quarter settled into a defensive struggle. Both defenses refused to back down and the Mountaineers took that same 13-10 lead into the fourth quarter.

Early in the fourth, Mansfield extended their advantage. Hildebrand stretched the ball over the goal line on fourth down for a one-yard touchdown to give the Mountaineers a 20-10 lead. The quarterback sneak finished off a 15-play, 86-yard drive.

After being dormant for almost

two full quarters, the Bald Eagles offense suddenly awoke. After a stellar kickoff return gave them the ball near midfield, Lock Haven quickly drove the remainder of the distance. Storino completed the drive with his second touchdown pass of the game as he found wide receiver Rafael Smith for a 16-yard score that cut the Mansfield lead to 20-17.

After the Mountaineers generated nothing on their next possession, Lock Haven retook the lead. Storino found Smith again, that time for an 18-yard touchdown to give the Bald Eagles a 24-20 cushion. Storino threw for 318 yards and three touchdowns for Lock Haven while Smith led the receiving corps with six catches for 94 yards and two touchdowns.

The two teams traded possessions before Mansfield offered their own response in the seesaw fourth quarter. The answer only took one play, as Hildebrand went deep to find Bennett for a 51-yard score to give Mansfield a 27-24 lead.

Shiffer expressed pleasure with the overall performance of his offense, but still saw room for improvement. "I was pleased with the way our offensive unit kept coming back," Shiffer said, "but we still need to execute better and limit our turnovers." Hildebrand threw for 165 yards and two touchdowns while Bennett had six catches for 93 yards and two touchdowns.

With only 2:30 remaining in the game and needing a field goal to tie, Lock Haven began their final drive of regulation. With several key plays, including a fourth down conversion on a scramble by Storino, the Bald Eagles moved the ball all the way to the Mansfield six-yard line before stalling. Lock Haven settled for a game-tying 23-yard field goal by Hagerman with nine seconds left in regulation. That kick sent the game to overtime tied at 27.

Mansfield was forced to settle



RACHEL BOYLL AND HANNAH KILLIAN/THE FLASHLIGHT

Matt Hildebrand, the sophomore quarterback collected 165 passing yards and two touchdowns. Hildebrand has thrown for of the six touchdowns thrown by Mansfield University quarterbacks this season.

for three points on their overtime series after the first of two controversial overtime penalties. The Mountaineers drove the ball down to the Lock Haven two-yard line on the strength of the legs of running back Earnest McNeal. McNeal, who ran for 111 yards on the game, ran for 22 yards on the Mountaineers' overtime drive.

On third and goal from the two, quarterback Matt Hildebrand found Joe Bennett for an apparent go-ahead touchdown. The score was called back when the Mountaineers were called for pass interference.

The 15-yard penalty eventually forced Mansfield to send kicker Sean Hair out to boot a 34-yard field goal that gave the Mounties a brief 30-27 advantage, setting the stage for Lock Haven's tailback Maurice Walker's heroics.

The Bald Eagles won the game on a 12-yard touchdown run by Walker, who ran for 149 yards on

the afternoon. The Mountaineers actually had Lock Haven stopped after three plays on the Bald Eagles' sole possession of the extra session. Mansfield handed over a first down to Lock Haven though when they attempted to call a timeout that they did not have. Given a second opportunity to punch the ball into the end zone, it took one play, as Walker streaked through the Mansfield defense and to the victory.

Mansfield head coach Jim Shiffer expressed disappointment with each of the two pivotal calls. "Both calls were tough and came at a crucial time," Shiffer said. "I take full responsibility of the time out. Eventually down the line things will even out."

Mansfield will once again try to get their first win of the season when they travel to the southeastern corner of Pennsylvania to face PSAC East foe Cheyney. The game is at 1 p. m. on Oct. 9 at Cheyney.



RACHEL BOYLL AND HANNAH KILLIAN/THE FLASHLIGHT

Brian DeCecco (75), a senior Mountaineer noseguard, has 17 total tackles this season. Five of his 17 tackles came in Saturdays defeat at the hands of the Lock Haven Bald Eagles.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
E. Stroudsburg	2-0	5-0	1.000	IUP	1-0	3-2	.600
West Chester	2-0	4-2	.667	Shippensburg	1-1	5-1	.833
Kutztown	1-1	3-2	.600	California	1-1	4-1	.800
Millersville	1-1	2-3	.400	Edinboro	1-1	3-2	.600
Bloomsburg	0-1	3-2	.600	Clarion	1-1	3-3	.500
Mansfield	0-1	0-5	.000	Slippery Rock	1-1	3-3	.500
Cheney	0-2	1-5	.167	Lock Haven	0-1	2-4	.333

The Flashlight

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Choral Collage to present world premiere composition

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT

Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Music Department will feature the annual Choral Collage on Saturday, October 23 at 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

The Choral Collage will include performances by the Women's Chorus, the Men's Chorus, The Mansfieldians, Festival Choir, and Concert Choir. This event is when all the choral ensembles make their initial appearance for the academic year and an annual major choral work is introduced. Under the direction of the university's director of choral activities, Peggy Dettwiler, the concert will feature pieces from the Renaissance to the Contemporary Period.

The concert will present the world premiere of "Walk On Up to Heaven", written by Vermont composer Gwyneth Walker. Walker's piece was written especially for the MU Concert Choir and was commissioned by MU student groups in

honor of the late Helen Lutes, a former MU faculty member and avid supporter of the choral music program at the university.

"The work is a spirited arrangement featuring mixed choir, piano, and clarinet, and even brings in references to softball—Helen's passion in athletics," Dettwiler said.

Walker will be present for the premiere. Three of her other compositions; "I Thank You God", "Blow the Candles Out", and "Every Night When the Sun Goes Down" will also be performed.

"I Thank You God", a piece performed by the women's choir, features a text by E.E. Cummings that

describes one's spiritual awakening. I like this text particularly because it holds within it great meaning in my own personal relationship with Jesus Christ," Karlie Nogle, a member of three of the performing choirs, said.

Walker is a graduate of Brown University and the Hart School of Music. She holds a B.A., M.M., and D.M.A. degree in Music Composition. In 1982, she left her academic position at Oberlin College

Conservatory to pursue a career as a full-time composer. Walker now lives on a dairy farm in Braintree, Vt. Walker's complete works include over 130 commissioned works for chorus, orchestra, band, and chamber ensemble. She is the recipient of the "Lifetime Achievement Award" for 2000 from the Vermont Arts Council.

More than 200 musicians will participate including choir members and instrumentalists on the piano, organ, brass, violin, and clarinet.

Featured soloists will include Ross Whiting, voice, Natalie True, violin and keyboard, and Timothy Walck, clarinet.

"The inclusion of the instrumentalists is an excellent feature of the concert. The clarinet in 'Walk On Up to Heaven' gives the song a fun and bouncy feel," SaraBeth Vanemon, a member of the Concert Choir, said.

The Festival Choir will perform 'Dies Irae' from Verdi's Requiem. The entire Requiem work will be performed next April with full Orchestra and guest professional soloists.

Tickets are \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and senior citizens and may be purchased online or at the door. MU students with proper ID will be admitted free.



PHOTO FROM WWW.GWYNETHWALKER.COM

Gwyneth Walker's compositions will be premiered at the choral collage this weekend.



PHOTO FROM WWW.MANSFIELD.EDU

Cedarcrest Manor has been the setting of many robberies on the Mansfield University Campus.

Recent robberies worry residence hall students

By MIKE PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

Cedarcrest Manor has been the center of a major crime-spree on the campus of Mansfield University during the last three weeks.

On Sept. 29, a room on the fifth floor of Cedarcrest was broken in to and a laptop computer was stolen in between 3 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

During Homecoming weekend, the fifth floor was the scene of illegal activity once more. Sometime between 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. on Oct. 2, a person(s) entered a room and proceeded to take belongings from two students.

Mike Whittemore, a first-year graduate student, is the Graduate Assistant of Cedarcrest.

Whittemore is concerned about

keeping the Mansfield students safe. "We are taking every step we can to make sure our students are safe," Whittemore said. "We are not nearly concerned about losing a couple hundred dollars as we are of our residents' safety."

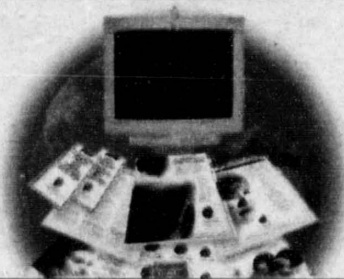
Whittemore is working closely with the Police Department. "The actual police work is in their hands," Whittemore said. "I am working with them to find clues and evidence."

Whittemore is focused more on preventing future robberies from happening. "Resident Assistants [in all buildings] have instructed students to lock their doors," Whittemore said. "You never know who is walking around on the floors giggling door knobs trying to find a vulnerable target."

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Today's Weather



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 56° Low: 45°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather

TODAY



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 56° Low: 44°

FRIDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 60° Low: 43°

MONDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 38°

SATURDAY



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 63° Low: 44°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 55° Low: 38°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 60° Low: 39°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 53° Low: 42°

Information taken from www.weather.com

POLICE BEAT

October 14, 2004 - **VANDALISM** - Unknown person(s) damaged a change machine in the office/lobby area of Cedarcrest Manor and removed the contents. This case is still under investigation.

October 14, 2004 - **THEFT** - Greg Turner reported that \$179 in cash was removed from his room in Maple Manor between the hours of 12 and 1p.m. on October 8, 2004.

October 18, 2004 - **DRUG POSSESSION** - Mark Daniels, 19, was charged with drug possession as well as underage drinking and disorderly conduct.

Anyone with information concerning these cases, please contact the Mansfield University Police Department at 662-4900.



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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **The Admissions staff is currently seeking friendly, enthusiastic students to conduct campus tours.** For more information, call Tam Soderberg at 662-4814. Training will be provided. Students interested in conducting tours must be available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Interested in a weekend service trip to Philadelphia?** On Friday, Oct. 22-Sunday, Oct. 24, Courtney Murphy Hull, Catholic Campus Minister, will be taking a group of MU students to volunteer their time at a soup kitchen. To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

★ **WNTF-FM invites you to join the crew.** Meetings are held every Tuesday at 8 p.m. in 317 A.H.U.B. All majors are welcome.

★ **PRSSA welcomes all majors.** Meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 317 of A.H.U.B. The Public Relations Student Society hopes to give its members insight into how the field of Public Relations works by giving them hands on experience in community and

ANNOUNCEMENT

Student PINS access to WebAdvisor will no longer be randomized.

WebAdvisor provides students with a number of options in addition to the Registration feature. They can select to view their grades, run a degree audit, or print a schedule. Recent enhancements also provide the students with an option to make online payments on their accounts.

In the past, randomizing PIN numbers prior to Registration prohibited access to some menu items until students met with their advisors and received their new PIN numbers. In order to make sure that students continue to see their advisors to plan their schedules but are not prohibited access to other WebAdvisor options, some changes had to be made.

The screen that Primary Advisors use to access advisee PIN numbers has been modified. It now includes a column titled, "Approved for Registration." In this column there is a check box for Primary Advisors to approve their advisees for registration after they've met with them. When advisors click in the box next to an advisee's name and then update the screen, a flag is set. A program designed to work in conjunction with this feature will run every 30 minutes to pick up any new flags that have been set within that time period. Those students will then be cleared to access the registration option on or after their scheduled dates and times to register.

Students should continue to get a Course Selection Sheet signed by their Primary Advisors. If they seek assistance from the Registrar's office, this will show that they met with their primary advisor.

PIN numbers for new students, faculty, and graduate students, are originally set to the last four numbers of the social security number. Returning student PINs have not changed. If students are unsure of their username or PIN, they should access WebAdvisor, click on the appropriate menu item (*Access Student Menu, etc.*) and follow the directions for the options provided-*What's my user ID and password?*

Registration begins on October 25, 2004. For the 2005 Registration Schedule and Instructions visit the Registrar's Homepage at <http://records.mansfield.edu/index.html/>

MU French Club travels overseas

By PAMELA KLINE
Special to *The Flashlight*

Many students look forward to spending spring break in a hot, exotic location: Cancun, Myrtle Beach, Fort Lauderdale. Although the destination does not promise hot weather, students in the French Club will go to Toulouse and then to Paris for the 2005 spring break.

Students will leave for France on Thursday, March 3, 2005 and return to Mansfield on Sunday, March 13 after spending two days in Toulouse and six days in Paris. Including travel days, the trip lasts 10 days, the entirety of spring break.

Still, the lack of study time will be well worth it. During this trip, students will have the opportunity to see well known sites such as the Eiffel Tower and l'Arc de Triomphe, tour museums like the Louvre, and experience the culture and history of France. The students will also visit Carcassonne- a medieval walled city near Toulouse.

The French Club is currently working on fund raising for the trip. In addition to other projects, members are organizing drink sales and bake sales to be held throughout the semester in Belknap Hall.

If any university students are interested in joining the French Club for the trip to France, there are still a few places left.

A knowledge of French is not required, although this would be an excellent opportunity to use any French that one might remember from high school or college courses in the language. Passports however, are required. For more information, please contact Dr. Monique Oyallon by e-mail at moyallon@mnsfld.edu or by phone at extension 4603.



PHOTO BY RACHEL KATZ

Mansfield University French Club will be visiting Paris over spring break.

Fisheries Department holds open house for incoming students

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight News Co-Editor

The Mansfield University Fisheries Program will hold an open house at 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 30.

"Interest in pursuing outdoor activities and enrollments in resource management college curricula are waning in America, resulting in a large number of jobs and graduate assistantships in fisheries at the present time," Richard Soderberg, director of the Mansfield University Fisheries program, said.

Fisheries is the science and practice of the management of fish populations for the benefit of society. This involves several things, among them:

the manipulation of captive fish populations in fish hatcheries or fish farms (aquaculture) and the manipulation of wild fish populations in lakes, streams and oceans (fisheries management).

Mansfield has been a top institution in the United States for undergraduate training in fisheries science and aquaculture for over 25 years. Mansfield University graduates for a strong network in the fisheries profession that stretches across the nation.

The Fisheries major is a science intensive liberal arts degree with ten different fisheries courses. The Mansfield University Fisheries program offers one of the only programs in the world at which the undergraduate curriculum fulfills the requirements for certi-



PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

The Fisheries Department will be holding an open house on Saturday, October 30 for prospective students interested in the program.

fication by the American Fisheries Society as an Associate Fisheries Professional.

Students in the program are also hoping to boost knowledge of the program among their peers and incoming students.

"It is important to get the word out about the program and get more people interested in the field that may not have known about it previously. Not very many people know about the program or what it entails," Missy Conte, Fisheries and Environmental Science Major, said.

Students interested in a career in aquaculture, aquatic science, fisheries, resource management, water quality, or related fields should contact the Admissions Office at (570) 662-4814 or tsoderbe@mansfield.edu.

'Cedarcrest'

Another recent target for the criminal eye has been the change machines located in the front desk of three buildings. Hemlock Manor, Maple Manor and Cedarcrest Manor were all victims of the crime-spree. The three buildings machines were each hit between the hours of 12:30 a.m. and 7:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. Over \$150 was taken from each machine.

The next day, the Cedarcrest change machine was relocated behind the front desk to protect it from unlawful entries. A padlock was also placed on the front gate to prevent intruders from entering.

Two weeks later, on Oct. 14, the Cedarcrest change machine was broken into once again. The lock on the

machine was cut and the gate was manipulated to allow entrance to the person(s) committing the crime. Approximately \$150 was stolen.

Whittemore expressed his displeasure in the recent robberies. "As a result of the vandalism, there will be no more change in the machine at the front desk

Officer Linquist submitted each press release from the Mansfield University Police Department. "The Office of Housing and Residence Life in Pinecrest, [room] 120 is offering a \$100 reward for any information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person(s) responsible for these continuing thefts [of the change machine robberies]," said Linquist in a press release.

Upcoming Events Sponsored by the Career Development Office

Oct. 26- Employer Fair
10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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Nov. 16-On-campus interviews with Edward Jones Investments.
Students must submit a resume to the Career Development Office by Nov. 5

For more information about these events contact the Career Development Office 305 South Hall, x4133

News in a flash: Regional News

By ERICA HUDOCK
Flashlight News Co-Editor

LEWISBURG, Pa. - A two-year investigation comes to an end with the arrest of 22 members of a drug ring that allegedly unloaded \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of crack-cocaine in a single week in north central Pennsylvania. Eighteen have been arrested while three are still unable to locate. The special investigation was called Operation SUN-burst. Throughout the inspection, police found that about \$2 million in crack-cocaine had been moved annually from Philadelphia to Lewisburg, Selinsgrove, Milton and other local communities in the area.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - A Loyalsock Township High School alumnus is returning to her hometown to film an independent short film. Meghan Pinsonneault, 21, is a film major at Emerson College in Boston working on her degree by writing her own script and directing a short film. Pinsonneault chose her rural home to be the setting of her film as opposed to the city because of her new appreciation for the Williamsport area and what it has to offer.

LOCK HAVEN, Pa. - Fabian Smart was convicted last Thursday afternoon of four different charges that took place more than five years ago. Smart was pronounced guilty on accounts of first degree murder, conspiracy to commit first degree murder, kidnapping and conspiracy to commit kidnapping in the death of Jason McMann.

WELLSBORO, Pa. - Jeff DeBoer, 23, of Luthersburg, suffered severe injuries when he stepped off the west rim of the west side of the Pennsylvania Grand Canyon at 9 p.m. Saturday. DeBoer fell about 150 feet until he hit the canyon wall and continued to roll another 250-300 feet until he came to a rest near Pine Creek. He was not found for another 12 hours on Sunday morning. As of Sunday night, DeBoer was in serious condition at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa. Injuries included a broken left arm, wrist fractures, a pelvic injury, head cuts and several bruises.

ELMIRA, N.Y. - A private scandal involving Republican Congressional candidate John R. Kuhl was reported on a website last week and published in the Elmira Star-Gazette on Saturday. According to a divorce complaint, State Senator Kuhl allegedly pulled two shotguns on his wife at a dinner party in 1994 and threatened to shoot her. This claim was first published on the website RawStory.com and then picked up by The Associated Press. An investigation into the apparent illegal release of the records is ongoing in Steuben County. Kuhl and his ex-wife, Jennifer Kuhl-Peterson, told reporters that the content of the divorce papers did not hold anything incriminating. The information was only a detailed description of "a difficult and emotional time in the couple's life."

*Information taken from
www.star-gazette.com and
www.sun-gazette.com*

What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer

LONDON, England - Monday the Anglican committee criticized the United States for consecrating a gay bishop. They called on the U.S. to apologize. The president of the Episcopal Church refused to apologize for the appointment of V. Gene Robinson, but did apologize for the turmoil that was caused.

KABUL, Afghanistan - The chief rival of President Hamid Karzai declared on Monday that he has proof that there was fraud in Afghanistan's elections. The U.N.-Afghan electoral commission has been accused of ignoring his complaints. Citizens braved poor weather as well as threats from the Taliban to vote in the Oct. 9 election.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti - Ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide is being accused by the interim prime minister of encouraging violence. Aristide is supposedly directing waves of violence from exile. 95 Chinese police have been brought in for their first U.N. peacekeeping job.

BAGHDAD, Iraq - The Army has not come to a decision on whether or not they are going to discipline Army reservists who refused to take a supply mission last week. Some of the families wrote that the soldiers refused the trip because their fuel was contaminated or that the vehicles were in poor working conditions. It is reported that they could get a General's discharge, meaning they could lose all veterans benefits.

LONDON, England - Britain refused claims that it was going to put some of its troops under U.S. command as a political stunt to support President Bush. Britain's ministry claims that the U.S. asked for troops to be repositioned, but made clear that no decision had yet been made.



BAGHDAD, Iraq - Another mass grave in the northern deserts of Iraq has been found. It is speculated the murders were done by the Henchmen of former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. These bodies were discovered a year ago and now they are carefully being looked over by scientists. At first

they weren't able to convict him, but now due to new observations scientists think they have made a breakthrough.

REDWOOD CITY, California - The judge for the Scott Peterson trial has refused to throw out charges against Peterson. He said that the evidence that has been brought forward is enough to justify a conviction if the jury decides to do so. Peterson has been accused of killing his pregnant wife on Dec. 24, 2002.

TACOMA, Washington - Subpoenas have been issued and scientists are examining oil samples in an attempt to figure out who is responsible for the 1,000 gallons of oil spilled in the Puget Sound. The coast guard says they think that a crew error or equipment malfunctions caused the spill.

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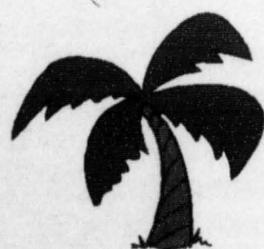
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Texas residents sue for portrayal in 'Dazed'

BY ANDREW TRAN

Daily Texan

Three Huntsville, Texas, residents who say they went to high school with Austin film director Richard Linklater accused him of using them as the basis for the girl-chasing, drug-taking characters in his film "Dazed and Confused" in a lawsuit filed last week, 11 years after the movie was released.

"Dazed and Confused" is Linklater's 1993 cult classic following the drug-and-alcohol-fueled antics of teenagers on the last day of high school in the 1970s. Universal Studios, also included in the suit, is scheduled to release a special edition DVD of the movie Nov. 2.

According to their civil complaint, the men claim the movie subjected them to "relentless harassment, embarrassment and ridicule."

Linklater, who wrote and directed the film, used modified versions of the three plaintiffs' names in the movie.

Bobby Wooderson, Andy Slater and Richard "Pink" Floyd are portrayed in the movie as David

Wooderson, Ron Slater and Randall "Pink" Floyd, respectively.

The similarity in name and likeness of the characters is obvious, said attorney Ernest Freeman.

"My clients were not asked nor did they give their permission to be portrayed in this movie," he said.

The movie has turned these men into unwitting celebrities and cast them in a less than flattering light, Freeman said.

Sarah Johnson, assistant to Linklater, said he had not been notified of the lawsuit and only read about it in the paper.

The movie's depiction of Wooderson, who was played by actor Matthew McConaughey, as an "aging high school wannabe with the bad-ass car who, despite graduating years ago, can't leave his high school 'daze' behind him," reads the suit.

The suit alleges lines attributed to Wooderson in the movie include McConaughey's comment to an incoming high-school freshman, "Hey, man, got a joint?" When the freshman says he does not, McConaughey replies, "It'd

be a lot cooler if you did."

Freeman said these quotes have become infamous, and the real-life Wooderson has never said anything similar, adding that the personal lives of Slater and Floyd have been similarly disrupted over the years by people making assumptions on their personal habits.

When classmates of Bobby Wooderson's son at Harvard learned the boy's father was the basis for David Wooderson in the movie, "they asked him for autographs and wanted to smoke pot with him," Freeman said.

The suit was filed in New Mexico because it has a longer statute of limitations than other states for claims of defamation and false light, Freeman said.

When it came out, the plaintiffs thought the movie would fade out, Freeman said. But they decided to sue years later because the popularity has only grown.

The plaintiffs are still living in Huntsville, Freeman said. Slater runs a construction company, Wooderson has a job in the technology sector, and Floyd works at a

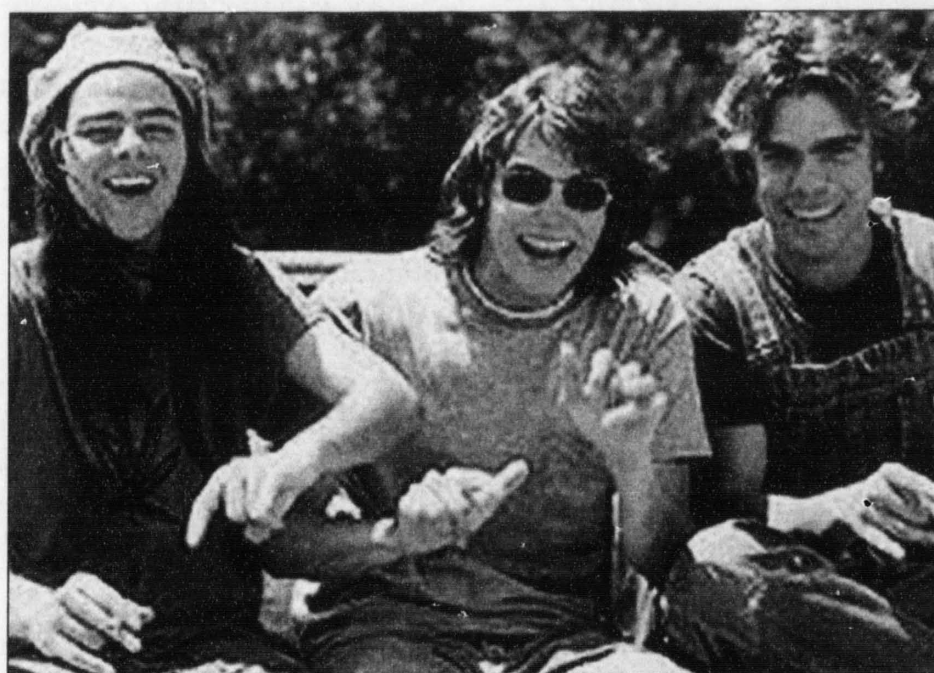


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Half baked high school memories create trouble for independent film maker.

local car dealership.

Wiley Wiggins, who portrayed Mitch Kramer, said in an e-mail the people pressing the suit do not have a valid claim.

"It's half-baked and pathetic opportunism, and I can only imagine how it must make [Linklater] feel," he said.

Wiggins said at one time Linklater proposed making a

sequel, showing how the characters had degenerated into "gas-pumping, hungry ghosts of their former selves."

"It was a cool idea, but I think the real movie would be a documentary about the sad sacks back in Huntsville who are trying to cash in 11 years later over vaguely having something to do with a movie," he said.

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Rising to Our Patients' Needs...

From Russia with love...

BY HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

The days all seem to be melding together. I can hardly believe I've been in Russia for over a month!

I haven't mentioned much about the classes we take while we're at the university. While in Volgograd, we study Russian literature, philosophy, history, grammar and articulation. Some of our professors are very well known and respected men in their field. They've traveled to many different places, lectured and are known world wide for the things they've done. A usual week for us begins on a Monday and ends Thursday afternoon. After our Thursday classes we have "excursions." These excursions are usually what I write about each week.

Our last trip was to the planetarium downtown. The planetarium is filled with various models of Russian space exploration

devices like MIR, Sputnik and Luna 3. Once inside, we were shown "The Stars Over Volgograd." Cignus, Casseiopea, Ursa Major and Ursa Minor were some of the highlights of the show. It was interesting to see that some of the constellations are not like we are shown in school in the United States. Cignus is not a cross but a goose, Orion does not wield a sword, but has dogs.

The show at the planetarium was informative but wasn't nearly as long as I expected it to be. Afterwards a few of us went to one of our newest finds: The Manhattan Cafe. It's one of the few places we can find buffalo wings in Russia! A few of us still miss West's though.

Living in Volgograd, as most would imagine, is very different from life in Mansfield, Pa. not only do we have to grow accustomed to a new culture

and language, but people as well. We all have roommates or suitemates and most of us didn't know each other before we got to Russia.

After a month, I think it's getting easier. At first it was difficult to adjust to new foods like borscht, a different lifestyle and seven strangers.

We're still working on getting used to always sticking out in a crowd. Some Russians have never met Americans before. When they hear us speaking English, see our different style of dress and our halting Russian phrases, it's hard NOT to be noticed. It's definitely strange not being able to blend in more, but I think after three months it should get easier.

Our next adventure will be visiting a high school near the university. It should be exciting talking to younger people and hearing about their lives in Russia as well as sharing a bit of our experiences.

Early detection key to fighting cancer

Modifiable risk factors for breast cancer

o Taking hormone replacement therapy

o Taking birth control pills

o Not breastfeeding

o Drinking 2 to 5 alcoholic drinks a day

o Being overweight

BY KATIE CHIRGOTIS
THE BREEZE

Breast cancer does not solely affect women in the 40-plus age group, though chances of getting the disease increase with age.

"The occurrence of breast cancer is rare in women under 30, but not at all uncommon," said Dr. Michael Bourland, emergency physician and president of Emerginet.

Hormone exposure starting from a woman's first period until menopause is another uncontrollable risk-increasing factor. Hormone exposure through birth control, such as oral contraceptives, is a controllable factor. Past studies of the effects of hormonal birth control seem to slightly increase risk by 10 to 30 percent. Risk decreases within 10 years of stopping oral contraceptive use, according to the authors of "A Prospective Study of Oral Contraceptive Use and Risk of Breast Cancer."

Factors that can be controlled contribute to lifestyle choices that are best made at a young age. Factors include weight, physical activity levels, alcohol and diet, according to the authors of "Alcohol and breast cancer in

women: a pooled analysis of cohort studies." Heavier women are statistically less likely to get breast cancer in the short term, but an overall unhealthy lifestyle.

Women drinking two to four alcoholic drinks a day increase their risk by 40 percent.

Prevention tactics are beneficial for long-term decrease of chances for breast cancer, according to Dr. Bourland. But for factors that cannot be helped, detection is in essential women of all ages. Presently, there is no mean of detection that is most helpful. Mammograms and self-examination, while aiding in detection, usually catch breast cancer only in more progressed stages when change in tissue or cell development

becomes more evident, Bourland said.

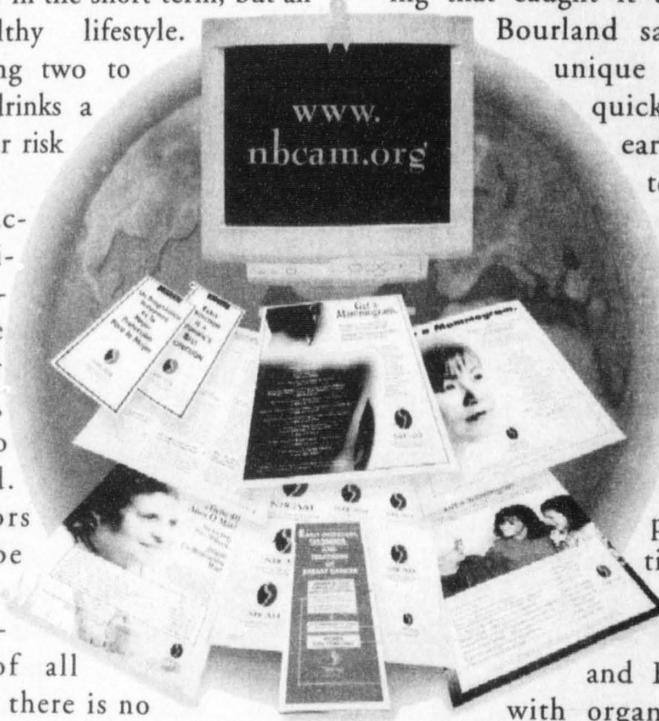
"It would be huge if we had diagnostic testing that caught it at an early state," Dr. Bourland said. "Breast cancer is unique in that it responds quickly to treatment. The earlier it's caught, the better the chances for survival."

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and there are several ways to support breast cancer research.

Many retailers also sell products where a portion of the proceeds go to benefit research.

Yoplait, Pier 1 Imports and Estee Lauder all work with organizations such as the

Susan G. Komen Foundation to provide consumers the opportunity to support the cause. This month, Zeta Tau Alpha is hosting its "Think Pink" campaign to raise awareness about breast cancer and funds for research.



Text Messaging more popular than ever

Look around your campus this fall, and you'll find that not only does virtually every student have a cell phone, but that many students are sending SMS text messages and mobile instant messages from campus dorms, dining halls and hangouts — even from the classroom.

Texting is on the rise, with an explosion in popularity taking place all across the nation. At the forefront of this text messaging boom are trend-setting teens and young adults. In fact, more than one in three (36 percent) college-age students (ages 18-21) send mobile messages from their cell phones, according to a recent study conducted by Opinion Research Corporation.

"Given the on-the-go nature of college students, it's no surprise that so many are using text messaging and mobile instant messaging to quickly communicate with roommates, study groups, club members and RAs," said Himesh Bhise, vice president and general manager, AOL Mobile, America Online, Inc. "Whether in the dorm, the library or the cafeteria, students need information quickly. Many are finding that mobile messaging best meets their needs."

Whether students on campus are just starting to send text messages or are looking for ways to text more quickly, the following tips can help students take hold of this hot

texting trend that's sweeping college campuses this year.

1) How-To: Send Text Messages from Phone to Phone. It's easy to exchange text messages with anyone who has a text-enabled mobile phone (nearly all phones are these days) or PDA. Even if you and your friends have different wireless providers, you can just enter the ten-digit wireless phone number into the "to" field and text away.

2) How-To: Send Instant Messages from Phone to Phone. If you and your friends or co-workers use instant messaging (IM) on the desktop, it's easy to continue the conversation on-the-go. Many mobile phones and PDAs have built-in "Mobile IM" features, and most phones can download mobile versions of popular IM services like the AOL(R) Instant Messenger(TM) (AIM(R)) service (found at www.aolmobile.com). Be sure to set up IM forwarding when you leave your computer to re-direct IMs to your phone and stay in touch wherever you go.

3) How-To: Send Mobile Messages from Your Computer. It's a snap to send messages from your computer to friends on mobile phones or PDAs via your instant messaging service. If your 'Buddies' have activated IM forwarding, you can simply carry on your IM chat as usual. If not, you can send a text message to anyone by enter-

ing +1 and the ten-digit wireless phone number into the "to" field of the IM window where you normally enter their IM screen name.

4) How-To: Save Money on Mobile Messaging. Check with your mobile service provider to make sure you have the right service plan. Whether you send a few or a lot of text messages each month, you should have the text message plan that meets your needs.

5) How-To: Send All Mobile Messages Faster. If you want to speed up your texting experience, activate the predictive text input feature on your mobile phone or PDA. This helpful tool, most often provided by T9(R) Text Input software, enables you to enter words with just one key press per letter — including slang phrases like GR8 ("great") and LOL ("laughing out loud"). Twice as fast as multi-tap, T9 is also smart. It learns new words and adapts to the way you text. Available on 800 popular models, T9 is probably already on your phone or PDA.

To help texters stay on top of the latest slang terms, Tegic Communications, makers of T9 Text Input, put together the "Lingo Dictionary," a resource for today's texters. Available as a free download at www.t9.com/t9dictionary, expert texters as well as those new to sending messages from their mobile phones and PDAs can get up to speed and take advantage of this great time-saving tool.

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

Shark Tale (PG)

Ladder 49 (PG-13)

Team America: World Police (R)

Friday Night Lights (PG-13)



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HORROR MOVIE CHARACTERS

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JASON

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Teasers!

The answers can be things places, historical events, famous quotes/titles, etc.

Example: 26 L in the A = 26 Letters in the Alphabet

1. 365 D in a Y

2. 12 D of C

3. 50 S on the A F

4. 18 H on a G C

5. 99 B of B on the W

6. 7 D S

7. 52 C in a D

8. 101 D

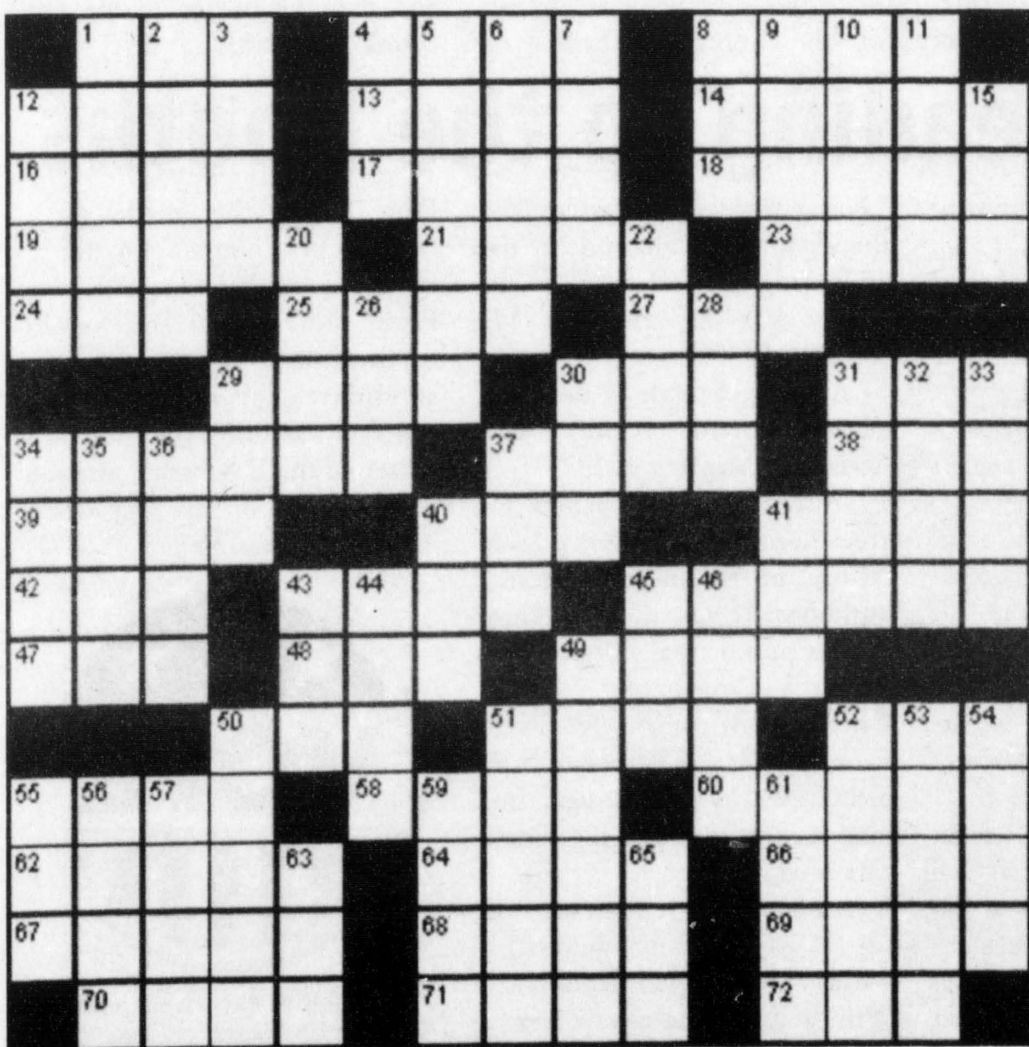
9. 7 W of the W

10. 4 W and a F

ANSWERS: 1. 365 Days in a year, 2. 12 Days of Christmas, 3. 50 Stars on the American Flag, 4. 18 holes on a Golf Course, 5. 99 Brides of Frankenstein, 6. 7 Deadly Sins, 7. 52 Cards in a Deck, 8. 101 Dalmations, 9. 7 Wonders of the World, 10. 4 Weddings and a Funeral

Crossword answers for 10-7

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Across

1. Comes before "com"
4. Small island
8. Boy, or a crack in a lip
12. Has his own city.
13. Independent ruler (Africa)
14. Variety show
16. The door is
17. Eggs of a young insect
18. Very short time
19. Hokey
21. You, in Shakespeare's time
23. Not under
24. Time zone of the east coast. (Abbr.)
25. Physical pain
27. Pro's nemesis
29. Askew
30. Framed Roger Rabbit?
31. Exclamation of pleased surprise
34. Composed of large particles
37. A.A. Milne's famous bear
38. College student's necessity
39. Territory occupied by a nation
40. Led the Confederate Armies
41. December 24th to January 6th
42. Lennon's love interest
43. Small secluded room
45. Hoobastank's latest hit "The _____"
47. Container
48. Smaller dog breed
49. Cylindrical 47 Across Question

50. Required class in school
51. Outdoor activity
52. Small drink
55. Seat for more than one
58. Crude person lacking culture
60. Type of evergreen plant
62. Reason for not keeping a promise
64. _____, Where's my Car?
66. Armstrong
67. Low stringed instrument
68. A small drop
69. Hotels
70. Indicate by signs
71. Thrusting motion
72. Two year old sheep

Down

1. Martial arts training houses
2. Style of abstractionism popular in the 60's
3. Small slender gull
4. James Bond writer _____ Smith
5. Work place of a metal worker
6. Gracefully slender
7. Language of the Celts
8. Vacuum tube that emits electrons
9. Gray or white wading bird
10. Jerusalem city Tel _____
11. Dark purplish brown
12. Rate of moving
15. Old english word for ever: _____
20. Contagious action

22. Reply the same way
26. Baby's action
28. Amazement word
29. Kool, or Band
30. Misery
31. Difficult concern
32. Popular X-Box game
33. What most stores past 9PM in Mansfield aren't
34. Compact gooey mass
35. Hindu princess
36. At another time
37. Pirate's missing leg replacement
40. Carry with difficulty
41. Noisy talk
43. James Bond's profession
44. Without feeling
45. Dodge truck model
46. Catch sight of
49. Part of the stomach connected to the esophagus
50. Actor Clark _____
51. Judge Judy's workplace
52. Place where some action occurs
53. It's on the cake
54. Friends
55. Enclosed place
56. Substitute for butter
57. Movie
59. In your favor or perhaps they're not
61. Division of quantity
63. Saturn model
65. Outward flow of the tide

Classroom etiquette for today's college student

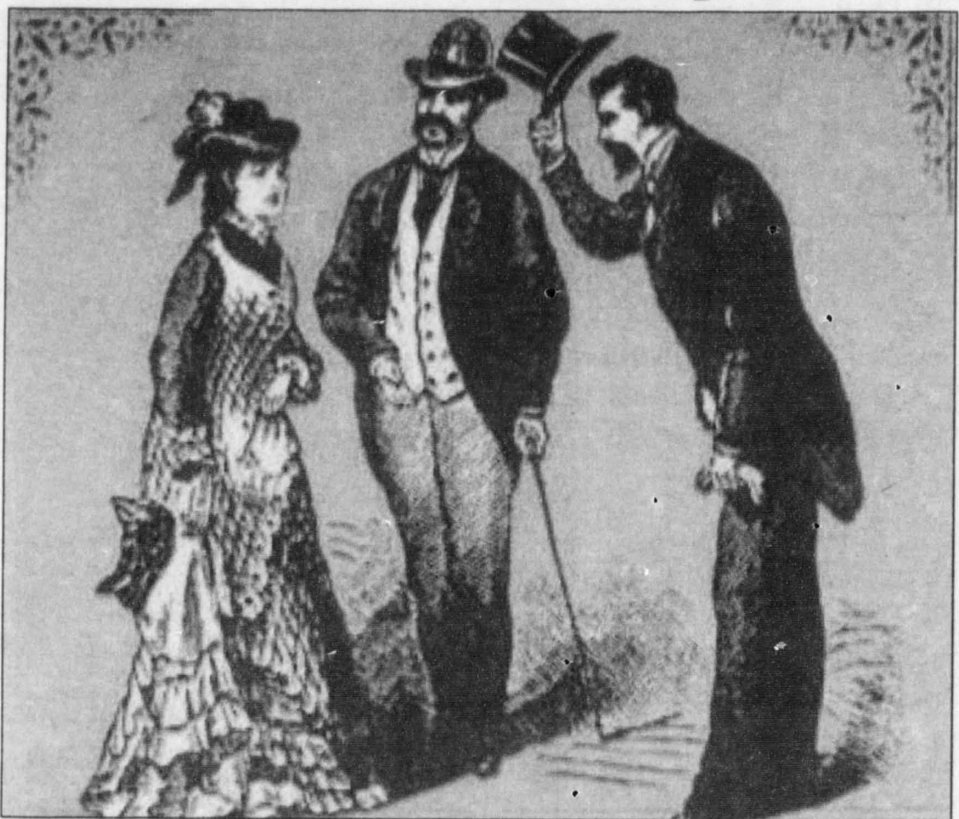


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Etiquette have traditionally been a large part of societal mores that have been ignored as part of the educational system in recent decades.

BY KARL-ERIK STROMSTA
Daily Trojan

Classroom etiquette is eroding, according to Drake University management professor Delaney Kirk, whose forthcoming book, "Classroom Management: Tips to Help You Teach Like a Pro," addresses the issue of rude students.

"I think there is a lack of role models in the public, on television.

There appears to be a general lack of civility in the 'real world' and that trickles down to the educational system," she said.

Many students agree.

"People's cell phones are always going off, and even when they're on silent you can hear them vibrating," said Chloe Schuetz, an undeclared freshman. "Kids are always coming in late, leaving

early. People are holding whole conversations in class."

The key is to establish expectations for acceptable behavior, Kirk said.

"A lot of students don't recognize that the behaviors they're engaged in are perceived as being rude," said John Drea, professor of marketing at Western Illinois University.

Professors should address the problem proactively, he said. "I don't think that most students intend to do anything rude — in many cases I just don't think it ever dawns on them that, for example, having a conversation with someone sitting next to you [in class] is poor behavior," he said.

Rather than pleading with apathetic students to observe rules, he has written a contract on classroom behavior that he asks his students to sign at the beginning of a semester.

Signing the contract is not mandatory, but most students do so anyway.

The contract asks students to be in their seats at the beginning of class, to put newspapers away, not to study for other classes during a lecture, to turn off their cell phones, to

stay awake and to sit near the door if they need to leave early.

Students who choose to ignore the rules have points deducted from their grade, while students who are model citizens receive extra credit.

So far the contract has been a modest success: 57 percent of students surveyed found the contract to be helpful, and less than 1 percent found it demeaning.

The change in student behavior could be the result of shifting attitudes, Drea said.

"There's a consumer mentality — where students think, 'I paid for it, therefore I'll do whatever I want,'" he said.

Kirk said a majority of her students today are double-majoring, have jobs or internships, are active in organizations and have team projects in most of their classes.

"Many are there because they are expected to be there, it is the natural step that high schools train them for," she said. "I think that the college experience would be more useful and mean more to students if they were required to work full-time for a year after high school before they enter college."

Ken Sereno, professor and director of the undergraduate program for the Annenberg School of

Communication, agrees there is a problem with student behavior, but doesn't feel its gotten any worse over the years.

"Before they had cell phones, pagers were going off," he said. "This kind of behavior is not new. Students have always come late, and some students leave early, but I don't want to say that the frequency has increased."

But he would never consider creating a student contract for his classes because he said he believes the idea is demeaning.

For Sereno, the solution is as simple as the golden rule.

"I expect you to treat me with respect, and I expect to treat you with respect," he said.

Eric Fransen, a junior majoring in business, said he would support a classroom behavior contract.

"There needs to be a cleaner definition between social life and the classroom," he said.

Megan Singer, a sophomore majoring in psychology, said students who leave early should sit closer to the door so they do not disrupt the class.

"What I hate is when people have to leave early, and either they sit in the middle of your row or at the front of the classroom, and then they walk all the way across," she said.

Educate yourself before heading to the booths

BY TIM LANDES
Daily O'Collegian

Don't remember that American Federal Government class that you constantly skipped or are currently skipping?

Do you want to be an educated voter come Election Day?

Both of these problems can be solved by reading the most informational book to break down the government. "America (the book): A Citizen's Guide to Democracy Inaction" is now available to help make you a more informed citizen. Written and edited by "The Daily Show" host Jon Stewart along with Ben Karlin and David Javerbaum, "America" is a partially comedic look at the history and operation of the U.S. government.

The book begins with a brand new forward written by Thomas Jefferson and then rolls right into

chapters that tell the beginnings of democracy and the founding of America.

Also included are chapters on each branch of government, campaigns and elections, the media, the future of democracy, a look at the rest of the world and an in-depth look at the candidates in this year's presidential election.

Each chapter is color coded and the sections can easily be accessed.

The book is loaded with fun facts that give statistics and the real definitions of political terms.

For example, according to page 44, "Though the president is never actually required to salute anybody, President George W. Bush does it regularly because it's one of the things he doesn't know."

Stewart and the other writers have done a great job poking fun at all parties and almost anyone who

has taken part in the government at any point.

Whether it is making fun of court justices like Judge Judy Sheindlin or the duties of cabinet members, no one is safe in this tell-all.

The book also provides many interactive features to keep readers happy past Inauguration Day.

There is a presidential campaign board game, C-Span drinking games, polls, match the hair style to the journalists and put the robe on the full-frontal naked Supreme Court justices — no lie. You really see the "Day" of Sandra Day O'Connor.

Besides the text, which is easier and more entertaining to read than a paragraph in most political science textbooks, "America" is loaded with very interesting quick reads and actual documents that have stood the test of time.

For example, many citizens have already forgotten that one of five interesting moments in Senate history was the arrival of Mr. Smith in 1939.

Another example is the landmark Supreme Court case *Godzilla v. Megalon* in 1973.

Also with each chapter are great Lego meets Sims representations of the many different buildings. If you want to know what a presidential library looks like, it is in this book.

Once you have completely read the book, there is a certificate of completion that you can sign. You must be honest or else the certificate is worthless.

As a bonus, there is an interesting 15-page election guide that breaks down the presidential race. With a cover of a classic boxing poster and a letter from promoter

Don King, the guide gives readers the most in-depth coverage of Bush and Kerry. From their height and weight to the issues, Stewart has the candidates covered.

Before you fulfill your duty as a citizen of the U.S., make sure you get informed on the true workings of our government.



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Educating yourself on issues is a large part of the voting process.

The Supreme Court set to review abortion rights

BY JEANNE CHAPIN

Iowa State Daily

Abortion could become illegal in about 30 states if the Supreme Court reverses its Roe v. Wade ruling of 1973 that made abortion protected.

A recent study conducted by the Center for Reproductive Rights, "What if Roe Fell?" found that if the balance of the Supreme Court is shifted from abortion rights to anti-abortion, 21 states would probably ban abortion, 20 would protect abortion, and nine, including Iowa, are on the fence.

Abortion is upheld as constitutional in the United States, although the Supreme Court is so closely divided on the issue that the replacement of two abortion rights justices with anti-abortion justices could overturn the constitutionality of Roe v. Wade.

"It's definitely a concern, especially with this upcoming presidential election," said Ellen Daly, co-president of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance.

"Whoever's elected for this next term, it'll be likely that they'll be appointing a new Supreme Court judge. Bush would probably appoint an anti-abortion conservative judge."

The nine Supreme Court justices are getting older, and at least three might retire in the next four years.

According to the study, states would have the choice of re-enacting or ignoring old abortion bans that were overruled after the

Roe v. Wade decision, or even making new laws to ban abortion if the legislature is strongly anti-abortion.

If new justices do reverse the decision, legislative control over abortion would belong to individual states. The study showed that there are many states that would choose to ban abortion.

"Pro-choice, pro-abortion people have reason to be concerned," said Daniel Rajewski, president of Students for Life.

"Some of these pro-abortion groups are probably using [the election] as a scare tactic, to a degree. For them to be scared, that's understandable."

The issue of abortion has become increasingly relevant as the election draws near.

"For conservatives and Christians, it almost becomes the most important, or underlying issue of who they vote for," Rajewski said.

"It really puts each voter on the spot. If I would vote for John Kerry, knowing that he would truly try to promote abortion and other death-related policies, I would be in great spiritual harm," he said.

Daly said even if abortion does become illegal, based on the outcome of this year's election, the number of abortions in the United States wouldn't decrease, but abortions would become more dangerous.

"Forty percent of American women have



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The United States Supreme Court decides the direction of the country's future generations

had an abortion at some point in their life, and that number has been consistent pre-Roe v. Wade, and after 1973," Daly said.

"That would continue to happen if abortion became illegal again, and the repercussions of that would be serious."

According to the study, around 70 million American women would be affected if abortion is made illegal.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

As part of the new Pepsi contract the University and Pepsi will be hiring a Marketing Intern who will report to the Executive Director of Student Affairs and Pepsi. The Intern will have an integral role in the creation and implementation of a comprehensive marketing plan.

Preference will be given to students with marketing experience who can commit a minimum of 15 hours per week to the position. The successful candidate will be paid approximately \$10.00 per hour.

Applications and a more detailed description of the position are available in the Office of the Executive Director of Student Affairs, Room 320 Student Alumni Hall.

All applications must be returned by 4 p.m. on November 12, 2004.

MU Jazz Ensemble and Mansfieldians

Shows entertain crowd at parent's day performance

BY NICK MAGHAMEZ

SPECIAL TO THE FLASHLIGHT

The 2004 Parent's and Family Day concluded with a show by the MU Jazz Ensemble and the



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Jazz ensemble and Mansfieldians perform at Family Day.

Mansfieldians Friday night. The show was a few seats short of a jammed packed Butler auditorium.

Michael Galloway directed the MU Jazz Ensemble while Sheryl Monkeliën directed the Mansfieldians. The enduring classics included "Won't You Come Home Bill Bailey," "Samba Sin Palabres," "Angel Eyes," and "My Melancholy Baby."

The MU Jazz Ensemble members included Jen Anderson, Robert Bennett, Tim Bupp, Robert Cole, Rich Cumming, Ryan Curchoe, Jill Davis, Miles DeCastro, Charles DiCarne, Jennifer Dunlap, Kara Edelheiser, Dan Foster, Dustin Giffin, Thomas Hower, Ryan Hughes, Jonathan Hummel, Jenna Kuder, Brett Long, David Porter, Jeff Regina, Laura Richardson, Ben Rochford, Tim Walck, Melvin Williams and Angie Wilson.

The Mansfieldians included Kim Crofchick, Adrienne Davis, Jill Davis, Tom Dixon, Laura Haffner, Mikael Hamilton, Peter Kemerer, Keenan Knauer, Mary Mowers, Karlie Nogle, David Petty and Ross Whiting. Clayton Barr, Robert Bennett, Tim Bupp and Kara Edelheiser contributed to the sound and music for the Mansfieldians numbers.

The two organizations received a well deserved standing ovation at the conclusion of the show. "I thought it was a great show," said Mansfield Student Eric Sherwood who is majoring in Computer Science. "I was impressed with the solos by the saxophone players since I'm a saxophone buff. The girl playing the guitar was cute too so I was hooked in more ways than one."

What a way to end the 2004 Parent's and Family Day!

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



Standing up for the people

Comedian Jon Stewart takes on CNN's *Crossfire* and gives audiences a debate worth watching

By THERESA BENNER
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

To my delight, America got a refreshing dose of honesty on October 15, when comedian Jon Stewart was a guest on the popular CNN "debate" show *Crossfire*. Stewart, purposefully avoiding all of the usual publicity questions about his show and about his book, appeared on the show to explain to *Crossfire* co-hosts Paul Begala and Tucker Carlson that their show is hurting America by reducing political discussion and debate to theatre and "partisan hackery".

The following is a brief excerpt from the show's transcript (available at www.cnn.com) that demonstrates the typical dialogue that occurred between Stewart and Carlson:

STEWART: You know, the interesting thing I have is, you have a responsibility to the public discourse, and you fail miserably.

CARLSON: You need to get a job at a journalism school, I think.

STEWART: You need to go to one.

The thing that I want to say is, when you have people on for just knee-jerk, reactionary talk...

CARLSON: Wait. I thought you were going to be funny. Come on. Be funny.

STEWART: No. No. I'm not going to be your monkey.

Amazing! The one individual standing up for what I feel most American's would like to express isn't a Presidential candidate or even a politician, he's a comedian. Both in the politics and political journalism/broadcast, I am

tired of listening to people argue as to why their party is right and the other is wrong or even worse, for the mere entertainment of arguing, as opposed to discussing what might be best for both parties; to what might be best for the entire country. It isn't debate when we're listening to people say what they know the majority of the people want to hear instead of directly confronting the issues at hand realistically.

Stewart himself made suggestions as to why candidates may avoid directly answering questions or why they may feel inhibited when speaking publicly when he said, "I think, oftentimes, the person that knows they can't win is allowed to speak the most freely, because, otherwise, shows with titles, such as *Crossfire*...will jump on it."

It is becoming hard for me to distinguish between roommates arguing on the *Real World* for who gets the biggest bedroom and political candidates arguing over who has the better tax plan. Drama is drama, and lately the election seems like the ultimate form reality television. Just as Stewart mentioned, political discussion seems to be little more than theatre, and I'll believe this when it is coming from a man who makes a better living off of fake news and political comedy than most journalists could dream of. The only difference I can see between *The Daily Show* and most other news productions, is that *The Daily Show* actually admits that what they do is scripted, not factual and for audience entertainment.

Carlson defended *Crossfire*'s integrity by attacking Stewart for not asking John Kerry

"real questions" when he appeared on *The Daily Show*, accusing Stewart of "sucking up" to the candidate that Stewart has publicly supported. And just as he has had to do with other hosts in the past, Stewart remind Carlson that he was comparing his news show to a comedy show by mentioning "You're on CNN. The show that leads into me is puppets making prank phone calls."

Basically, I haven't seen anything so refreshing since Ben Stein flipped Arianna Huffington and Sarah Ferguson (The Duchess of York) off on *CNN TalkBack Live* in January of 2002. While I didn't agree with many of Stein's arguments, I cheered when he shot the middle digit at Huffington saying, "What's the point of a conversation in which there's just belittling, slurring of one another? If you want to just have a group of dogs barking at each other, just go to the pound and put your microphone there and you'll have a group of dogs barking at each other."

I'm tired of political canines growling at each other. I'm tired of partisan hackery. And mostly, I'm tired of being disappointed by both political parties and disgusted that difficult voting decisions are only because it is often hard to decide which candidate you dislike/distrust the least as opposed to feeling they both have something good to offer. So thanks Jon for this small but much appreciated step towards integrity of the media. Oh, and thanks for calling Tucker Carlson a "dick" on his own show. Given the opportunity, I think a lot of people, no matter their political affiliations, would agree with you on that one.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Are shows like *Crossfire* and *Hardball* politically valuable in the media or are they, as Stewart mentioned, merely theatre filled with "reactionary talk"?

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Commentary: Mansfield Junior College Mediocrity is good enough

By ZACH DuBORD
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Having been awakened from my ignorant slumber as a student at Mansfield, it has been recently brought to my attention that the University is looking to restructure and reorganize the academic departments. Upon first consideration, I believed this was an excellent idea, and in fact there was a plan in particular that had been put forth that I was supportive of. Alas, it seems that great ideas are soon polluted by the process.

What I have been told and have subsequently verified with the Provost's office is that the provost's task force on handling the logistics of restructuring the University has yet to include any delegation from the Humanities. To be more specific, of all the departments on campus only the departments of Human Development, Health Sciences, Business and Economics, Education, Psychology, Music, Education, Math and Computer Science, and Chemistry and Physics are represented.

Have you any idea what this means? Of the 18 academic departments on campus, only 9 are being represented. This figure is as favorable as can possibly be portrayed when one considers that my count of 18 total departments included neither the special programs such as Environmental Studies or the Honors Program, nor did it include the non-teaching departments. Additionally, my count of 9 representative departments included one delegate to the task force from a non-teaching department. Thus, this brings the count down to 8 of 18 teaching academic departments not including special programs being represented on the so-called task force.

My question is this: How exactly does Dr. Lane plan on restructuring the academic area of the university without including representation from over half of all the academic departments? If the goal is a restructuring of the academic area of the University, what does the exclusion of the Humanities mean for Mansfield?

To me, and I'm just your average, somewhat slacking, uninformed Mansfield student, it seems like the provost's office is neglecting to give attention to important academic disciplines that are traditionally the backbone of what a University is. In fact, some of the departments that his office

chose to leave out of the task force include such fields as Languages and Literature, Philosophy, Art, Biology, and Communication and Theatre. I certainly hope Dr. Lane does not intend to restructure the University so that it includes only programs that supposedly provide the best jobs, and in turn bring in the most students and turn the most profit.

Not that I don't have faith in the highly skilled administration of Mansfield University, but it seems to me that if you want to restructure an academic institution, you might be inclined to give an equal voice to all of the disciplines that are being taught. To do otherwise is something I believe would lead to trouble. For what is a University without a Languages and Literature department, or without a Philosophy department? Now, I don't mean to split hairs, but the last time I checked, a University is an academic institution that offers degree programs in both the professional fields and liberal arts. To remove something like the liberal arts from the spectrum in the name of profit would effectively be equivalent to selling out a degree from a "university" to students that receive very little of what should constitute an educational program that is required at a university.

Going back to the days of Plato, a university was more than a place to get skills for a career; it was a place where untapped potential and mediocre minds were transformed into intelligent and involved citizens who lived purposeful lives in the constant struggle to make society a better and more decent place. The liberal arts are integral in the performance of this task, as it is difficult to gain critical thinking skills without ever practicing them in an English or Philosophy class. It is difficult to communicate with or study other countries and cultures if you haven't studied a foreign language.

I sincerely hope that Dr. Lane might reconsider his selection of delegates for his task force on the academic restructuring of the university so that we can all avoid teaching, attending, and administrating at the Mansfield Technical Institute, or Tioga Community College. Just because some of the programs may be small, it does not follow that they are unimportant or worthless.

Letter:

The 'Quiet Majority'

Letter To The Editor:

Well here we are in 2004 and the future doesn't look too good. We should have learned quite a bit from the past, only it doesn't look that way. We are supposed to have government by the people and for the people only it's government by the politicians, for the politicians. It is our duty as taxpayers to have the politicians support us instead of themselves. As long as the 'Quiet Majority' stays quiet, the politicians are going to go on supporting themselves instead of us.

The Taxpayers have to get noisy and let the politicians know where they stand. We have to find out which ones are doing their job. And the ones that are not, get them out of there. When a Party runs for office find out what he or she has done. What is he doing? What are his plans for the future? If he is elected let him know when he does a good job. Also, when he does a bad job. We have to do our best where we work or get fired. The same should take place with a politician.

I think the 'Quiet Majority' has been quiet too long, and it's their fault that the country is in such a mess today. We have some good men in Washington. We also have a lot of men in Washington that are acting like little boys. We need men in Washington to serve the people. I think after a President is elected into office, both parties should unite and work for him. And don't forget, we the Taxpayers pay the bill! How can a President do his job when as soon as he is

elected in office, the other party starts talking about the next election, which is four years away. I think they are poor sports, and they are not helping the people. I think they should quit the business.....don't run for office just to get in the history books. We had too much of that already.

Remember that old saying 'God Bless America'? Well, my dear Americans, if you don't know it, I will tell you. God has been blessing America all these years. And now I think we should turn that saying - 'America Bless God!' The only way America will solve her problems is by turning to God. God will give you a whole new outlook on life, and help you solve all your problems. Give Him a chance. It's free!

I'm giving the Taxpayers three choices:

- (1) Stay quiet and let them take all you earn.
- (2) Get noisy and let them know where they stand, and that they have to do more than to enact tax laws to increase their own salaries.

- (3) Give up the little we have left in America and move to another country and apply for foreign aid, and let the politicians fight it out among themselves who is going to do the work that was done by the Taxpayers before they left.

Which is going to be? What is America going to be like for children tomorrow? All I can say, Mr. And Mrs. Taxpayer, you better replace that yellow streak with a backbone and get noisy. Don't take everything for granted.

Edwin Stricker
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Letter:

Commuter travel troubles

Dear Editor,

I have been attending Mansfield University for a little over a year now. I am a commuter and I travel daily from Wellsboro. For being a commuter there's two things that are very important, and that is driving conditions and parking availability on campus.

For some reason the roads around campus are awful. They have improved since last year, but are not up to par yet. It seems that maybe by next fall they'll be paved and fine to drive on. Even that seems a little too much to ask for.

As if buying new shocks for my car on a yearly basis isn't enough I have to pay for parking violations when I can't find a spot a half an hour before my class starts. We pay \$25 a year for a plastic parking pass, but on an average we end up paying well over \$100 a year with that pass and the parking violations. Today I parked my car above Retan where you have to pull your car into a parking spot. I've parked here numerous times last year and even this year. After my class I went

to my car to find a parking ticket under my wiper. Thinking this was a mistake I took the ticket to the police station and was told by an officer, "Those six or so first spots are reserved for people that oversee student teachers. It has been that way since the beginning of this semester." He also said there's a sign that states that on it. This is great as if we have an abundance of parking spots to designate to people because their so much more important than us everyday commuters.

Any commuter that you ask will tell you that the roads are awful and there's no parking when you need it. The campus has issued too many parking passes and is now reserving parking spots for a group of people. You would think that with all the money they get with the parking passes and parking tickets they issue this university would be able to fix the roads in a timely manor and maybe find new areas to pave for parking for students that commute.

Ashley Fisher

Letter:

A divided government

In September 2001, this country stood together as one. There were no Republicans, no Democrats. There was no partisan hostility and crime rates were as low as they've ever been. Certainly, if nothing else, we were simply Americans. Now in October 2004, our country is bitterly divided. This is most visible as we look at presidential polls that show a dead heat between the two leading candidates.

Looking back through history, it is obvious that some presidents have expanded their power and some have diminished it. Teddy Roosevelt expanded power with his foreign policy and "midnight forests." Calvin Coolidge pretty much did nothing- leaving most decisions to Congress. He never really had an agenda one way or another and never guided Congress as to where this nation should go. Ironically, our current president removed a picture of Coolidge in the Oval Office to replace it with a portrait of TR. When the Great Depression set in, Herbert Hoover stayed out of it, citing it is not his constitutional obligation to step in. Being a wartime president, FDR managed to stay in power for four terms, while passing such Depression-era acts as the Tennessee Valley Authority, and the national banking FDIC to name a few, helping to alleviate the Depression itself. Now, we have George Bush. Early in his term, he was a rather "lame-duck" president. Nothing really notable had been accomplished. That is until September 11. After this dreadful day in history Mr. Bush was able to have anything he wanted; usually justifying his stance in the name of "national security." After vaguely defining and declaring a "War on Terror," our military went into Afghanistan and toppled the Taliban. Can anyone blame him? Yet here we are today still occupying the country and trying to keep the peace. Take note, this was in 2001, and only now Afghanistan is having free elections three years later (and there's still violence). I wonder what makes the administration think Iraq can have free elections when only six months ago did Saddam's regime fall, and there is more violence there than

in Afghanistan. The Democrats claim to have an answer to the alleged Bush mishaps in the form of presidential candidate, John Kerry.

Summarily, Kerry intends to change or even reverse everything Bush has done in his term. How feasible is this though? Kerry wants all Americans to have health insurance, very admirable. Kerry will roll back the tax cuts that the wealthiest Americans now receive and give them to the middle-class- those who actually spend the money. He will gradually decrease our dependence on foreign energy sources. But is this what the country really needs?

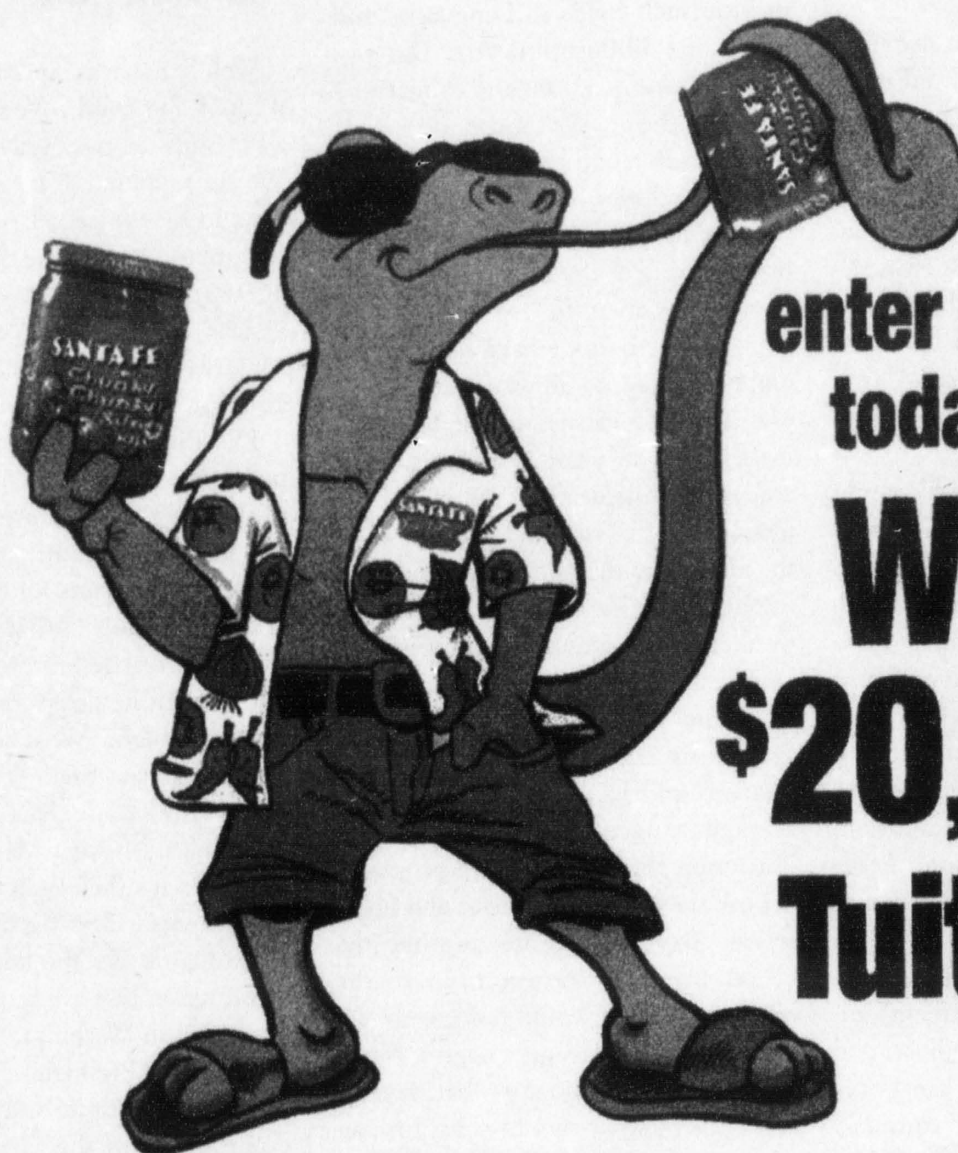
America has been on a certain course for four years. To some, it's the wrong path. To others, we need to continue to follow it. In comes Kerry promising changes, taking us down a completely new path. History shows that radical problems don't require radical solutions. In fact sometimes, the best action is no action.

Supposing Kerry gets elected, he won't be able to fix everything Bush has tangled. In fact, things are likely to get worse. Not as a result of Kerry, but a result of Bush and everything he's doing right now. Kerry will be coming into a failing economy and a mess in Iraq. The Republicans can then come in and say "Yep, see what happens when you elect a Democrat?" Then this country will still be bitterly divided. I wonder if right now what this country needs is a "lame-duck" president. Perhaps right now, the President has too much power. With a Republican majority in both the House and Senate, who's to stop him anyway?

I will gladly cast a vote for John Kerry, but I'm pulling for Bush to win. Because by 2008, assuming Bush wins again, given the divisiveness of our country now, enough people will be so annoyed with the party and this administration, that we'll be electing Democrats for years. It happened in Hoover's time- people blamed Republicans and Hoover himself for the Depression. What happened? 13 years of a Democrat. Are we once again headed in that direction?

Dan Bechtel

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Mansfield fairs well at Penn State National Cross Country Meet

By JONATHAN SCHAWB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University cross country teams competed at the Penn State National Cross Country meets on Oct. 16. The Mounties ran against competitors from Division I and Division II colleges and universities.

Sophomore Chris Cummings set the pace for the men's team, finishing 50 out of 322 runners with a time of 26:40. The finish by Cummings placed him third out of all Division II competitors in the race. Also placing for the Mountaineers on the men's side were Rich Correll, Seth Tucker, Dave Neal, Ben Israel, Kyle McClinton and Derek Weiss. The men's team finished in 33rd place overall.

Neal, who began distance running ten months ago, felt his performance showed progress. "I've made a lot of progress, Coach Rohl does a great job with a lot of us," Neal said. "I think I'm really coming along." Neal ran the course in a time of 30:04.

Charity Learn provided the premier performance for the Mounties on the women's side. The junior placed 70 out of 346 runners, as she finished with a

time of 22:32. Learn's effort was the second best out of all Division II competitors in the race. Sophomore Rachel Hall also gave a solid result, finishing 139th with a time of 23:20. Also placing for the Mansfield women were Jenna Phillips, Robyn Ireland, Erin Salley, Jamie Sweitzer and Damalla Hayward. The women's team finished in 34th place overall.

Michael Rohl, head coach of the cross country teams, expressed pleasure with the efforts of his teams. "The men and women both ran real well," Rohl said. "The women ran right with a lot of the PSAC schools, and they beat Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Shippensburg."

The Mountaineers return to action when they compete in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference meet.

Rohl hopes for a solid outing from his team at the meet. "I would like to see both Cummings and Learn finish in the top five respectively," said Rohl. "I really think the women's team can finish in the top eight, which would be an improvement over last year."

The PSAC meet will be at 11 a.m. on Oct. 30 at Kutztown.

Soccer teams' losing streak extends

By CHAD LANDES
Flashlight Sports Writer

It has not been smooth sailing for the Mansfield University women's soccer team in the 2004 season. After a promising 2-0 start, the Mountaineers dropped eight games in a row, with five of the games decided by two goals or less.

Mansfield hosted the East Stroudsburg University Warriors on Oct. 6. Both teams attacked hard in the first period of action, but headed into halftime with the score tied at 0. In the second half, each team turned in the same performance and failed to score, leaving the game scoreless after 90 minutes. In the first overtime, the Mounties junior forward Megan Colbey had a chance to end the game, but missed wide with her shot.

Junior goalie Julie Miller, facing 17 shots from the Warriors. Miller made 11 saves in the game. With the tie, the Mountaineers record stood at 2-8-1 overall and 0-6-1 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East. The Warriors record stands at 5-5-1 overall and 2-2-1 in the PSAC East.

Mansfield welcomed West Chester University to Spaulding Field on Oct. 9. The Mounties fought hard in the first half against the best team in the East, but in the end the Golden Rams of West Chester were too much for the Mountaineers and took the victory 3-0.

The Mountaineers held the Golden Rams to only one goal in the first half, but were out shot 10-1. Julie

Karcher scored an unassisted goal.

The second half saw the same amount of shots, but with different results. Miller faced 22 shots from the Golden Rams, saving 14. Elma Numerato scored in the 60:00 minute to give the Golden Rams a 2-0 advantage. Less than 10 minutes after that goal, Diana Pavan scored unassisted to complete the Golden Ram scoring for the day.

West Chester remained the best in the East with a 7-3-2 overall record and a 6-3 division record. The Mounties dropped yet another game this season to fall to 2-9-1 overall and 0-7-1 in the East.

For seven consecutive games, the Mountaineers failed to score a goal. The last opponent the Mounties scored on were the Huskies of Bloomsburg University on Sept. 11. It just so happened that on Oct. 12, Mansfield was playing that very same Bloomsburg team that beat them 3-1.

The Mounties wasted no time getting on the scoreboard, as sophomore defender Vanessa Wengen scored in the 10:00 minute off a Colbey assist. The Huskies waited a while to even the score, but Erin Snyder tied the game in the 32:00 minute on an assist from Jen Fico. The score remained tied as the teams headed into halftime.

Jen Fico added a goal to her earlier assist to put the Huskies in the lead 2-1 only minutes after the start of the second half. Becky Ritter added another goal in the

64:00 minute to extend the Huskies lead to 3-1. The final blow for the Huskies came with five minutes left in the game when Jill Perruquet scored to make the final score 4-1.

The Huskies out-shot the Mounties 21-8 in the game. Miller had nine saves in the loss for the Mounties. Bloomsburg improved to 6-7 overall and 4-4 in the East. The Mounties dropped to 2-10-1 overall and 0-8-1 in the East.

The Mounties played the Golden Bears of Kutztown University at home on Oct. 16.

The teams failed to score and went to the bench with a scoreless tie at halftime. Mansfield refocused in the second half and came out firing, with Jeannine Bria scoring in the 49:00 minute to give the Golden Bears the 1-0 lead. Julie Folsom scored minutes later for the Golden Bears to increase the lead, 2-0. The Mounties tightened up the defense and held Kutztown scoreless for the rest of the second half until Kristen Kentner scored unassisted with less than six minutes left in the game to give the Golden Bears the final 3-0 score.

The Golden Bears out-shot the Mounties 19-6, with Miller saving 13 of the shots on goal. The Mounties fall to 2-11-1 overall on the season and 0-9-1 in the East. The Golden Bears improve to 10-3-2 overall and 5-2-1 in the East.

The Mounties will host Edinboro University at 3 p.m. on Oct. 20.

Picks of the Week

Week 7

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The Flashlight Sports

"Question of the Week"

Who will be "Mr. October" this year?

David Ortiz, Boston Red Sox

Carlos Beltran, Houston Astros

Hideki Matsui, New York Yankees

Jeff Kent, Houston Astros

Albert Pujols, St. Louis Cardinals

This Week In Sports: The Boston Redsox; Cursed, or worse?

By TED MINNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

1918. A year all Boston Red Sox fans are familiar with. Heck, familiar does not even begin to describe the intimate relationship they have with that year. Why 1918 some fans may ask? What was so special about a year almost a century ago? 1918 was the last time the Boston Red Sox were World Series champions. There are many theories of course as to why the Red Sox faithful have been waiting almost a century for another championship. The most common theory is the "Curse of the Bambino."

The famous curse deals with the Red Sox trade of pitcher George "Babe" Ruth to the New York Yankees. Since that trade, the history of the franchises have gone in completely opposite directions. The Red Sox have yet to win a World Series since the trade, and as anyone knows the Yankees seem to do nothing but win.

2004. The year everything was supposed to change, again. Every year both the Red Sox fans and the organization believe that this will be the year they beat the Yankees and win the World Series. For, as I was told by one Boston faithful, that even if the Red Sox win the series but they don't beat the Yankees on the way, the curse is not lifted. Wow, high standards.

Not only is winning the World Series tough, but having

to beat the Yankees on the way is additionally tough.

What if the Yankees had a bad year (yes even the Yankees had bad years, see the mid 80's) and the Red Sox won it then? Would it matter? I think though, that winning the World Series might dispense that worry about beating the Yankees.

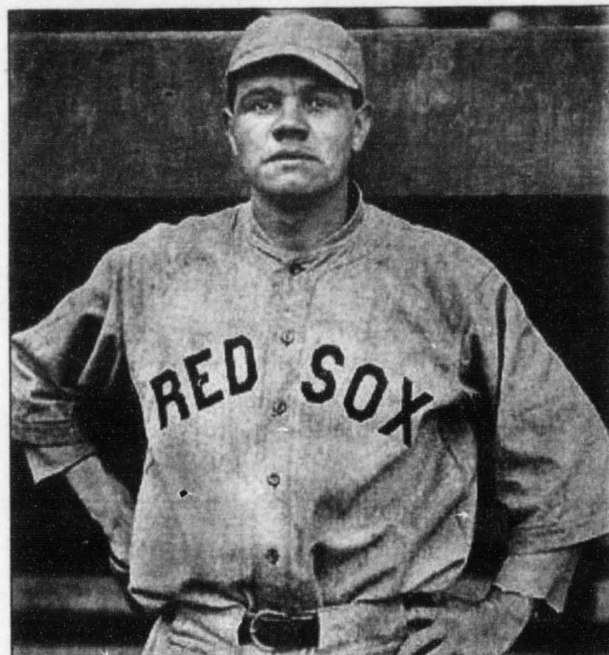


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"Babe" Ruth made his start as a pitcher for the Red Sox. He had a 2.28 career ERA in 163 games.

But 2004 was supposed to be the year. The Red Sox did everything imaginable to put them in a position to win. They acquired star pitcher Curt Schilling, closer Keith Foulke and even traded for additional help during the season. What more could they have done?

Well, maybe trading for Alex

Rodriguez wouldn't have been such a bad idea. The Red Sox tried to trade for the all-world shortstop in the off-season but were not able to complete the deal. The Yankees, then, swooped in and acquired A-Rod to replace third baseman Aaron Boone (see 2003 ALCS). All Rodriguez has done thus far in the

American League Championship Series against the Red Sox is hit .368 with two homeruns, score eight runs and knock in five. The Yankees also signed outfielder Gary Sheffield in the off-season. So far Sheffield is batting .500, with one homerun and has scored seven runs. Every off-season move the Yankees made seems to be paying dividends at the right time.

The moves the Red Sox made have not been working out so well.

Curt Schilling, who was supposed to give them an unbeatable 1-2 punch, is sidelined with a right ankle injury and is most likely done for the post-season. In his one start against the Yankees, Schilling allowed six runs in only three innings of work and only struck

out one batter. Mid-season acquisitions Doug Mientkiewicz and Dave Roberts have one total at-bat between the two of them. Orlando Cabrera, the shortstop they acquired for Nomar Garciaparra, has been playing well, hitting .353 against the Yankees. But, he has struck out four times, has only scored one run and has yet to steal a base. The moves the Red Sox made just aren't paying off the way the Yankee's moves are.

What does this all mean? Is there a curse, or are the Red Sox having bad luck? I never believed in the whole curse idea, at least not until now. I know that it may sound ridiculous to say the Red Sox are "cursed," but I cannot find another reasonable explanation.

Near the end of the regular season the Red Sox made a huge push to win the American League East division. They came so close, but never quite overcame the Yankees. Then, in the playoffs they disposed of the Anaheim Angels in three games and were all set to play the Yankees.

Things could not have worked out better for the Red Sox. Curt Schilling and Pedro Martinez were rested and ready to pitch five of the seven games if necessary. Schilling was hoping to do in Boston what his Arizona Diamondbacks did three years ago; send two ace pitchers five times in order to beat the Yankees. Then, game one

happened. Schilling got shelled and injured. The Red Sox had the tying run 90 feet from home in the top of the eighth inning but could not get him home. The Yankees would go on to win games one and two in New York.

Game three was a disaster. It seemed like "Murderer's Row" was back for the Yankees. Rodriguez, Sheffield and Hideki Matsui destroyed any and every pitcher the Red Sox put on the mound while destroying the Red Sox 19 to 8.

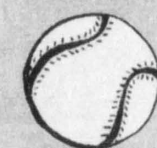
In game four, it was almost like Red Sox fans were expecting the Yankees to sweep the series. Somehow, someway, though, the Red Sox managed to tie the game late then win it in extra innings.

A sweep wouldn't be an example of a curse though. A sweep simply shows that one team is clearly better. These Yankees may not be clearly better than the Red Sox. A curse is losing game seven on a walk-off homerun. A curse is allowing you to believe that your team still has a chance, keeping that dream and hope alive. Alive just enough that it will break your heart even more when they lose. A curse is slow and painful, not quick and to the point.

Yes, the Boston Red Sox may be cursed after all. Even though there is hope alive for the Red Sox, at least until Monday night. By the end, I predict, the Yankees will show the Red Sox "who their daddy is."

This Week In Mountie Sports

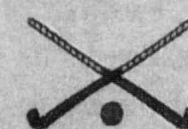
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The Mansfield University Field Hockey team is victorious in two non-conference matches and improve to 5-12

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

Mansfield University women's field hockey is producing much better results in the second half of the season. After the first ten games of the season, the Mountaineers only had two wins. Already in the first three games of the second part of the 2004 season, Mansfield has two.

The latest win came against Long Island Universities C.W. Post in an overtime shootout on Oct. 6. C.W. Post took their only lead in the game in the 17:00 minute of the game, and took the 1-0 lead into halftime, looking to upset the Mounties at home. Whatever strategy C.W. Post had, it almost worked if it were not for the Mounties sophomore forward Alissa Gallagher. Always a scoring threat for the Mounties, Gallagher did not disappoint as she tied the score at 1 with less than five minutes remaining in the game.

Neither team scored in the additional overtime period. The game's outcome came down to a shootout. Each team sent out five players to face the goalie one-on-one for penalty shots. Senior forward Kristen Campbell, freshman Rianne Higgins, freshman Keely Jarrett, senior defender Marci Fureman, and junior defender Holly Frederickson all shot for the Mounties. Campbell shot first and missed. Higgins shot next and scored for the Mounties. Jarrett shot third for the Mounties and missed, but Fureman stepped up as a senior does in times of great importance and scored to tie the shootout at 2. Frederickson stepped up with the outcome riding on her shoulders, knocking it clean in the back of the net to give the Mountaineers the victory in penalty strokes.

Junior goalie Katie Heil came up big in the shootout, stopping three of the five shots to clinch the victory for Mansfield. Heil added seven saves in regular play to go along with her overtime performance.

The win gives the Mounties three wins in their last four games to improve their record to 4-9 on the season. C.W. Post fell to 2-9.

The Mounties hosted top-ranked Shippensburg University on Oct. 9 at Spaulding Field and held their own for a while, until Shippensburg took control in the second half and defeated the Mounties 7-3.

Ashley Watt scored on a corner kick in the 13:00 minute, followed by Lindsey Knupp's goal in the 17:00 minute. Not to be outdone on their home field, the senior duo of Campbell and Ashley Celaschi teamed up to cut the lead down to 2-1.

Mansfield played Shippensburg hard for the first 25 minutes of the game, keeping the score close.

Minutes later, the Shippensburg offense woke up as Kendra Emery scored unassisted to make the score 3-1.

Knupp scored her second goal of the game in the 32:00 minute to increase the Shippensburg lead to 4-1. Right before halftime, Knupp capped off her hat-trick to give Shippensburg a 5-1 lead.

Trying to establish some momentum out of halftime, Shippensburg continued to score when Natalie Grazen scored in the 40:00 minute to increase the lead to 6-1. The Mountaineers did not give up, as sophomore Angela Hamill used an assist from Higgins to score her first goal of the season and cut the lead to 6-2. Jarrett scored 13 minutes later to further lessen the Shippensburg lead, 6-3.

Shippensburg's Kelsi Balum added one more insurance goal in the 63:00 minute to clinch the win, 7-3.

Shippensburg out-shot Mansfield 34-7, while Heil recorded 16 saves for the game. The Mountaineers fell to 4-10 on the season and 3-7 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference.

The no. 1 ranked team in the nation, Shippensburg University, improved to 14-2 on the season and 10-2 in the PSAC.

As the second part of the season continues, the Mounties traveled to East Stroudsburg on Oct. 14 looking to payback East Stroudsburg University for their earlier 7-1 pounding on Sept. 16. A much improved Mountie team surprised the Warriors of East

Stroudsburg and held them to only one goal.

Both teams fought hard throughout the first half, but Ashley Kocis broke the scoreless tie in the 32:00 minute to give the Warriors a 1-0 lead. The Warriors spoiled a great defensive performance from the Mountaineers winning the game 1-0.

Heil excelled in goal once again for the Mounties, facing 35 shots and saving 15. Although playing better, the loss dropped Mansfield to 4-11 overall and 3-8 in the PSAC.

The Warriors, the no. 7 ranked team in the nation, improved to 10-7 on the season and 6-7 in the PSAC.

The Mountaineers continued to play top nationally ranked teams late in the season, as no. 4 ranked Indiana University of Pennsylvania visited Spaulding Field on Oct. 16. The last time these teams met, Indiana beat the Mounties 11-1.

Indiana started the scoring off early in the 7:00 minute with Suzanne Cornelissen's unassisted goal. Liz Martini scored unassisted in the 23:00 minute to increase their lead to 2-0. Elsbeth Beijnes scored on a penalty shot to extend the Indiana lead to 3-0 at halftime.

Campbell got Mansfield on the scoreboard in the 50:00 minute, her seventh goal of the season, cutting the lead to 3-1.

Indiana fired right back as Stefanie van Leuven scored on a Cornelissen assist to make the lead 4-1. Indiana ended their scoring run at five goals in the 58:00 minute as Martini scored her second goal of the game, making it 5-1 in favor of Indiana.

In the two games against the Mounties, Indiana played like the no. 4 team in the nation, scoring 16 goals and only allowing two. Fleur Tjong, Martini and Cornelissen each scored three goals for Indiana in the two games. Beijnes and van Leuven scored twice in the two games against the Mountaineers.

Indiana out-shot Mansfield 26-9 as Heil had 12 saves in the game for the Mounties.



PHOTO BY HANNAH KILLIAN and RACHEL BOYLL/THE FLASHLIGHT
Marci Lippert (24), a senior midfielder for Mansfield University has appeared in all 17 games for the Mountaineers. She has started in 16.

With the loss, the Mountaineers dropped to 4-12 on the season and 3-9 in the PSAC.

Indiana improved to 13-3 overall and 9-3 in the PSAC.

As the season draws to a close, the Mountaineers held Fan Appreciation Day on Oct. 17 to show their thanks for all the support of the fans. In the second-to-last home game, the Mounties faced Mercyhurst College in winter-like weather at Spaulding Field.

Jarrett showed her growth over the season, as she gave the Mountaineers the early 1-0 lead in the 18:00 minute. The score stayed 1-0 into halftime behind a strong defensive performance. Mercyhurst got on the board quickly coming out of halftime as Misty Dennis evened the score at 1-1. Jarrett broke the tie game with her second goal of the game to give the Mounties the lead at 2-1.

A strong defensive effort from Jess Weider, Frederickson, and senior captain Marci Lippert held off a late offensive surge to preserve the 2-1 victory in front of a packed crowd. Jarrett increases her career goal total to seven in her freshman year, and ties Campbell for the second most goals on the team. Gallagher leads the team with eight goals on the season.

The Mounties improve to 5-12 on the season.

The Mounties will host the Huskies of Bloomsburg University on at 4 p.m. on Oct. 20 for the last home game of the season.



PHOTO BY HANNAH KILLIAN and RACHEL BOYLL/THE FLASHLIGHT
Keely Jarrett (22), a freshman forward is sharing the Mansfield University Mountaineers' lead in points this season with 16. The freshman is holding that honor with senior Kristen Campbell and sophomore Alissa Gallagher both of whom are forwards.

Notice

**Due to lack of interest,
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sponsored by the Career Development
Office has been cancelled.**



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2004

Mansfield University grabs first win, but take hard hit from West Chester, 49-0, as they fall to 1-6

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

It was a two week period of highs and lows for the Mansfield University football team. On Oct. 9, the Mountaineers picked up their first win in the Jim Shiffer era, going on the road to defeat Cheyney University 26-19. The Mountaineers followed the win up however with a 49-0 home loss to West Chester University on Oct. 16. Mansfield currently sits at 1-6 overall and 1-2 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East.

While most Mansfield students left town for Fall Break, the Mountaineer football team made the trip to the southeastern corner of Pennsylvania to face a Cheyney team that had lost 34 straight PSAC East games coming in. It was a shaky start for the Mounties, as Cheyney came out looking nothing like a team that hadn't won a conference game in six years.

The Wolves took the opening kickoff and drove into Mansfield territory. The Mountaineers defense did make their stand there, pushing Cheyney back and forcing a punt. The ensuing punt was blocked by Daricus Haynes, the first of two blocked punts by Haynes on the day. Mansfield began their first offensive series with great field position, but they would hand the ball right back.

Quarterback Matt Hildebrand

threw for Tyrone Robinson on fourth down and long but the ball tipped off of Robinson's hands and was intercepted in the end zone. Cheyney proceeded to take the ball 80 yards down the field on twelve plays, culminating in a five-yard touchdown run by Billy Mitchell. On the extra point attempt, Mansfield's special teams stepped up again, as the kick was blocked by Jason Zeigler and returned for two points by Ronnie Montgomery, making the score 6-2 in favor of Cheyney.

Mansfield cut into the lead early in the quarter, driving down the field on the strength of the legs of running back Paul Garofalo. Garofalo, who started in place of the suspended Earnest McNeal, would use the first half as a springboard to a near record setting day. The drive ended with a 29-yard Sean Hair field goal to cut the lead to 6-5. That was the score at halftime.

The third quarter provided no scoring, but not for a lack of Mansfield ball movement. With Hildebrand struggling, the Mountaineers again turned to Garofalo who moved the ball down the field but was unable to finish. Mansfield twice tried to settle for a field goal by Hair, but for the first and second times of the season, Hair was off target. The Mansfield defense continued to hold strong after allowing the first quarter

touchdown, but the score remained 6-5 heading to the final stanza.

Six and a half minutes into the fourth quarter, the Mountaineers finally broke through with their first touchdown of the afternoon. Garofalo bulled his way into the end zone from three yards out to give the Mountaineers their first lead of the game. Mansfield converted the two point conversion, as Hildebrand snuck in on an option to the right side to give the Mounties a 13-6 advantage.

After the Cheyney offense went three and out, Haynes's second blocked punt of the game gave Mansfield tremendous field position at the Cheyney 26-yard line. On a big third down play, Garofalo raced around the right side for his second touchdown of the game to give Mansfield a seemingly insurmountable 20-6 cushion with 5:58 to go.

While the Mounties appeared close to getting their first win of the year, Cheyney had other plans. Brandon Roberts took the kickoff back 90 yards for a touchdown and after the Wolves missed on their attempted two-point conversion, it was a 20-12 ballgame.

Needing to put together another scoring drive to pad their lead, the Mounties did just that. Garofalo sprinted in for a 30-yard touchdown to give Mansfield a 26-12 lead after the extra point was missed. Cheyney quickly answered back, as the seesaw fourth quarter continued, when quarterback Derrick Murry hit Jamal Clark from eight yards away to make the score 26-19 with 1:03 left.

Mansfield recovered the onside kick and ran the clock out to secure the win.

The win was the first for Mansfield Head Coach Jim Shiffer. Shiffer was thrilled with the fourth quarter performance of his team.

"We overcame an awful lot of adversity today," Shiffer said. "But in the fourth quarter when it counted the most, our guys refused to lose. The effort that Paul Garofalo gave us turned the game around." Garofalo finished with 44 carries

for 268 yards and three scores. The 268 yards marked the second best performance in Mansfield history.

Mansfield looked to repeat the result on Parent's and Family Day on Oct. 16 at Karl Van Norman field against West Chester. The Mountaineers were simply unable to get anything going on either side of the ball. West Chester jumped out to a 7-0 lead on their first drive on the game thanks to a ten-yard touchdown run by Osagie Osunde. The Golden Rams added three scores to that lead in the second quarter to cruise into halftime with a 28-0 advantage.

As the rain began to fall in the second half, nothing changed for the Mansfield.

The Golden Rams padded their



SPORTS INFORMATION

Mountaineer running back, Paul Garofalo (right) was named the PSAC East Offensive Player of the Week last week with his performance at Cheyney University.

lead with two more touchdowns before giving their first team offense and defense the rest of the day off. The third quarter ended with West Chester leading 42-0. The Golden Ram backups put one more score on the board to account for the final score.

West Chester out-gained Mansfield 517 yards to 131 yards. Running backs Osunde and Brent Steinmetz each scored two times for West Chester. Garofalo, again starting in place of the suspended McNeal, was held to 67 yards on 23 carries. Hildebrand went 9 for 18 for 64 yards.

Mansfield will look to get back into the win column when they make their last road trip of the season. The Mountaineers play at 1 p. m. on Oct. 23 at Bloomsburg.



SPORTS INFORMATION

The Mountaineers were shut out 49-0 at the hands of the Golden Rams of West Chester University on Saturday.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
West Chester	4-0	6-2	.750	Shippensburg	3-1	7-1	.875
E. Stroudsburg	3-0	7-0	1.000	IUP	3-1	5-2	.714
Bloomsburg	2-1	5-2	.714	Edinboro	2-1	4-3	.571
Mansfield	1-2	1-6	.143	Clarion	1-2	3-5	.375
Millersville	1-2	3-4	.429	Lock Haven	1-2	3-5	.375
Kutztown	1-3	3-4	.429	Slippery Rock	1-2	3-5	.375
Cheney	0-4	1-7	.125	California	1-3	4-3	.571

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Route 15 billboard raises controversy

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Writer

Doug Matthews, President of Matthew's Motors on Rt. 15 in Covington has recently stirred local political activism by painting "WAR WHY" on a billboard.

In the weeks following Matthews' painting, additional phrases have been painted on the sign.

"The first response to my sign was '9/11' written across the bottom," Matthews said. Later someone blocked out the '9/11' and wrote "god bless our troops". "I would encourage writing on it," Matthews said.

Matthews, who painted the sign in mid Sept., was pleased with

the reaction the sign received.

"The simplest thing for me was to paint those two words," Matthews said. "I wanted the response I got-- people painting other things on the sign."

Matthews' sign also received attention from the public through postcards and phone calls giving positive and negative

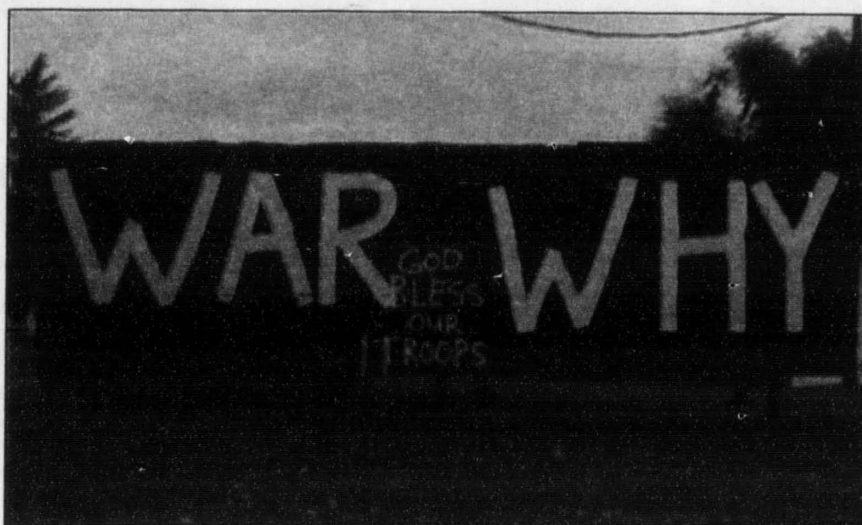


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A sign along Route 15 gets attention from passing drivers.

feedback regarding the statement.

Drafted during the Vietnam

War in 1972, Matthews said his military experience played a role in his decision to paint the sign.

"That definitely had an influence on me," said Matthews. "It was a time when the country was actively involved with the war."

Although Matthews is a veteran, he does not have a history of political activism. "I have no more political history than someone who talks at

a coffee shop or bar," Matthews said. "Nothing else has gotten me involved up until this point."

As President of Matthews Motors, Matthews claims the sign has not disrupted his business at all. He also admits some of his employees have their own ideas for additions to the sign. "One guy wants to write 'oil' on the sign and my wife wants to write 'pride' on it," Matthews said.

Matthews believes that the potential money lost from renting the sign cannot be compared to the reaction this sign has initiated.

"The sign made me feel like I made a difference," Matthews said.

MU faculty member works to save rare books

By MICHELE PEET
Flashlight Writer

Saving rare books is the goal of one Mansfield University faculty member, as well as some community members and the government.

Larry Nesbit, Mansfield University's Director of Information Resources, and others are contributing time and money to a library in Harrisburg. This state of the art library will preserve the history of the nation and of Pennsylvania.

At the beginning of October, a presentation to "save our rare books" was held in the State Capitol Rotunda. Donald Cunningham, Secretary of the Department of General Services, announced the donation of \$6 million on behalf of Governor

Ed Rendell in order to restore and preserve the collection.

Cunningham was the highlighted speaker. Lieutenant Governor Baker Noll, Speaker of the House John Perzel, President Pro Tempore Robert Jubelirer and Representative Peter Zug also spoke at the ceremony.

"They all talked about the value of the collection and the need to preserve these historic books, which were used to forge the governmental structure of the Commonwealth and the nation and to write the Declaration of Independence," Nesbit said.

Nesbit also mentioned that the library does not just house books. The Rare Books Library also holds newspapers and other docu-

ments from the colonial period.

"It is the most comprehensive collection of Pennsylvania newspapers in the world. There are also collections of rare pamphlets, and Pennsylvania imprints which represent early printing in Colonial America," Nesbit said.

In addition to the donation announced by Cunningham, the total available money to the Rare Books Library Committee is approximately \$10 million.

Mansfield University is playing a role as well. Monies have been allocated to the project and Betsy Brune in the Development office recently helped out as well. She "submitted a grant to the National Endowment for the Humanities

to provide additional monies for the project," Nesbit said.

The expected completion date of the library that will hold books

that helped our fore fathers to write the declaration of independence as well as newspapers from the early colonies is 2007.



PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS

MU Director of Information Resources, Larry Nesbit, and the Rare Books Library Committee presented this display to promote the efforts to save rare and historical books of Pennsylvania.



Comm. Prof.
awarded for
volunteer work
in Croatia

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MU falls to
1-7 with a
49-7 loss to
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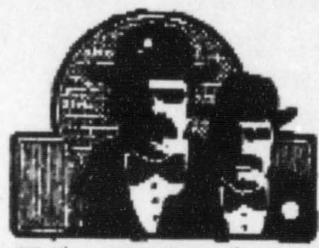
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★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Interested in a weekend service trip to Philadelphia?** On Friday, Oct. 22-Sunday, Oct. 24, Courtney Murphy Hull, Catholic Campus Minister, will be taking a group of MU students to volunteer their time at a soup kitchen. To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

★ **PRSSA welcomes all majors.** Meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 317 of A.H.U.B. The Public Relations Student Society hopes to give its members insight into how the field of Public Relations works by giving them hands on experience in community and university projects.

★ **MU Dramatics is holding a haunted house.** Haunted Straughn, A Very Haunted House will be held Thursday 10 p.m.-midnight, Friday and Saturday 9 p.m.-midnight in straughn hall. Admission is \$1 or 1 non-perishable food item, that will be donated to the local food pantry.

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Historical Novelist speaks on feminist movement

By XERNALIA KAYODE

Special to The Flashlight

The author of *Seneca Falls Inheritance*, Miriam Grace Monfredo, spoke to Mansfield University students Wednesday about her life as an historical fiction writer and feminist.

Monfredo spoke to an audience which was mostly Women Studies students. She spoke about the struggles women faced during the suffrage movement in the late 1800's and early 1900's. She mentioned seven feminists who advocated the right for women to vote.

In *Seneca Falls Inheritance*, one of her critically acclaimed novels, women were denied not only the right to vote but also the right to own property, claim their children, and the right to an education.

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PHOTO FROM WWW.WOMENINHISTORY.COM

Author Miriam Grace Monfredo spoke to students about feminism.

Communication Professor Awarded for Volunteer Work in Croatia

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

Dr. Charles Hoy, assistant professor of Communication at Mansfield University received the President's Volunteer Service Award for his part in the Academic Collaborative Initiative for Mission Public Information Officers while on the faculty of Bowling Green State University in Ohio last spring.

Hoy, one of two additions to the faculty of the Mansfield

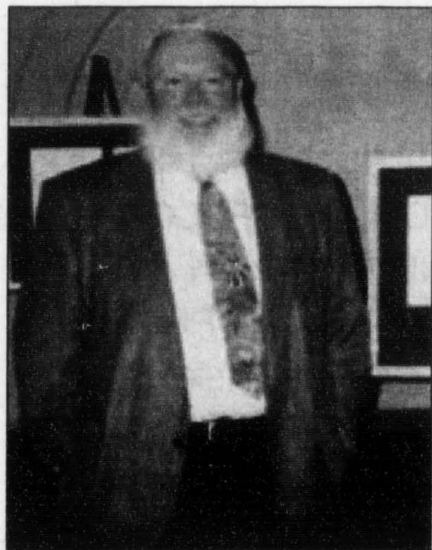


PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Dr. Charles Hoy spent six weeks in Croatia.

Europe and Asia.

Hoy was the only member chosen from outside the BGSU School of Communication. He was a part of the Telecommunication program, which has since collaborated with the School of Communication.

Hoy fit the description of who the committee needed to round out their team. He jumped on the opportunity to see a different part of the world.

"The professor who organized the Bowling Green

[University] end of the initiative asked me to teach an audio and visual component for this project," Hoy said. "They needed a broadcasting participant, and that's what I do. I was happy to take part in this."

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Big men support a big cause

By LAUREN STAUFFER

Zeta Tau Alpha sponsored the eighth annual Big Man on Campus competition Tuesday night in Straughn Auditorium.

BMOC is a fundraiser that many ZTA chapters sponsor as part of their philanthropic endeavors. All proceeds go to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation.

BMOC is a talent show for men on campus. Each contestant represents a campus organization. The men compete in talent and attire. Fewer than half make it to the final four.

Men's talents range from singing and dancing to telling jokes. The audience responded

with laughter at many of the acts. This was ZTA sister, Darcie Kline's first experience with the BMOC competition.

"It was interesting to see how different everyone's talents were. The show was really funny," Kline said.

Fourteen men competed for the title of Big Man on Campus. The final four were required to answer questions from emcees Trish Romanowski and Lauren Huff. Judges evaluated their answers and selected the winner.

Nick Mallas, who sang "Beerman" in the talent part of the show, was named Big Man on Campus 2004. He represented Delta Zeta sorority.

"A friend asked me to represent Delta Zeta. It's for a good cause, so I agreed to it," Mallas said. "I think all the guys went out there thinking that it was for something good and just had a good time."

ZTA raised almost \$600 for breast cancer research.

Senior GERALYN MITCHELL has been enjoying the BMOC competition for years. She doesn't mind attending because it supports a worthy cause and the information is important.

"Big Man on Campus was a good way to get information out to people that breast cancer doesn't just affect women; it affects everybody," Mitchell said.

Political Forums being held to raise student awareness on campus

By ALI POSTON

Special to The Flashlight

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Flashlight Writer

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Flashlight News Co-Editor

Many debates and forums are being held around campus to educate students on partisan views and encourage them to select a candidate and vote in the upcoming election.

Black Student Union (BSU) and the Latin American Student Organization (LASO) held a political debate at 8 p.m. on Oct. 20 in the multi-purpose room in A.H.U.B. The executive director of the Democratic Party of Pennsylvania, Don Morbido, was the only speaker of the evening because the Republican representative invited by LASO did not attend.

Morbido discussed the economy, health care, security and education. He presented arguments from both sides, though he advocated the Democratic positions. Morbido discussed the state of the economy as it stands now with George Bush as President, stating the America will not survive if Bush is re-elected.

The Democratic Party believes that corporations can't be expected to do right by America. The economy is global-

izing. Our economy is supported by more than just Americans. Democrats want to provide incentives to create jobs, to keep jobs and to raise the minimum wage to \$7 an hour.

Morbido also discussed education and how it applied to the students of Pennsylvania, from elementary school to college. He discussed cutting grade school class sizes and the need for replacement of unqualified teachers. He outlined the need to raise standards for students and teachers, building from the bottom up, in all areas. There are 501 school districts in Pennsylvania, and according to Morbido there should only be 67, one for each county.

Students also wanted to hear the Democratic view of the war and plans for the future if Kerry is elected president. Morbido was not excited about discussing the war but fielded the questions before moving on.

At the end of the question and answer period, Morbido thanked the audience and MU for allowing him to come and regretted that there was no representative from the Republican Party for rebuttal.

The evening was hosted by BSU and LASO in an

effort to boost voting among minorities. Rosa Luciano is president of LASO. She wants to urge her fellow students to vote. "[Minorities] don't generally vote. If we vote, a change won't start tomorrow, but it will come," Luciano

The Political Science Club held another political forum at 4 p.m. on Oct. 25 in the multi-purpose room in A.H.U.B. The forum consisted of 3 student representatives for both the Democratic and Republican points of view. Political Science professor Jeff Bosworth was moderator.

The discussion covered nine political issues from Affirmative Action to the United States' relationship with the U.N. One Republican representative was declared that, "[The United States] is the U.N." The Democratic representative was at the other end of the spectrum and referred to the U.N. as, "the ultimate governing power of the world."

Differences such as these sparked debate and invited students in attendance to ask questions.

Weekly Weather

TODAY



Mostly sunny with a
0% chance of
precipitation.

High: 54° Low: 38°

FRIDAY



Scattered showers
with a 30% chance
of precipitation.

High: 57° Low: 45°

MONDAY



Few showers with a
30% chance of
precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 38°

SATURDAY



Scattered t-storms with
a 40% chance of
precipitation.

High: 64° Low: 51°

TUESDAY



Isolated t-storms with
a 30% chance of
precipitation.

High: 63° Low: 38°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with
a 20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 64° Low: 43°

WEDNESDAY



AM Clouds/ PM Sun
with a 0% chance of
precipitation.

High: 53° Low: 42°

Information taken from www.weather.com

News in a Flash: Regional News

By MICHELE PEET
Flashlight Writer

CORNING, N.Y. - Ralph Nader, independent party candidate, visited Corning, NY to gain voter support. Nader is the only presidential candidate to stop in the Corning area. He commented on being left off the ballot in some states, including Pennsylvania.

ITHACA, N.Y. - A 16-year-old who escaped from a Chemung County Sheriff's transport vehicle on Thursday was on the run from police for almost 24 hours. The runaway is being held on escape charges in the Tompkins County Jail.

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. - Members of a preservation organization known as the Finger Lakes Underwater Preserve Association put on wetsuits and dove into the

cold water of Seneca Lake to carve pumpkins this past Sunday.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - An elderly man, Elmer Hewitt, was recently found guilty in a hit and run that critically injured a 14-year-old boy on Lycoming Creek Road in Williamsport. The accident occurred just two days before Christmas this past year.

MANSFIELD, Pa. - A car and a tanker collided on Route 6 on the morning of October 19. The two women who were traveling in the car were killed. The man driving the tanker had few injuries. The tires on the tanker were reported worn. It had been raining that day.

Information taken from
www.the-leader.com,
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and WETM-TV.

What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer

WASHINGTON - Chief Justice William Rehnquist is expected to be released from the hospital after having surgery for throat cancer this week. A spokeswoman for the supreme court said that Rehnquist will be back on the bench when court resumes next week.

BAGHDAD, Iraq - Six Iraqi civilians were killed by insurgent bombs in Baghdad and Mosul. Three people were killed in Baghdad when three bombs went off simultaneously. In Mosul two suicide bombers killed three and injured many government officials.

TOKYO, Japan - More than 1,200 people have been injured and at least 25 killed during earthquakes in Northern Japan. Saturday, three earthquakes with magnitudes between 5.9-6.8, rocked the city. Many people have been left without homes and little or no food. Japan is one of the world's most earthquake prone areas.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Sensitive information given by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission

that potentially could aid terrorists, was removed from the Internet reading rooms. Specifics of nuclear materials and their general locations were included. Floor plans of universities and laboratories were also included.



REDWOOD CITY, California - Mother of accused murderer Scott Peterson took the stand Monday to testify for her son. Jackie Peterson stated that in exchange for her son's truck, she gave him several thousand dollars. Peterson was found with \$15 thousand; police suspect that he was thinking about fleeing to Mexico.

NEWARK, New Jersey - Three women died in the Passaic River after the driver lost control of the Jeep Cherokee while on their way back from a birthday party. The women called a friend instead of police, and the police were unable

to find their exact location in time. Police say they are not sure if they would have been able to save the women even if they did know the location.

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The FBI announced Monday that the number of violent crimes has dropped 3 percent in the last year. All other categories of crimes have dropped except for murders which have increased by 1.7 percent. Compared to the 42 percent of hate crimes that go unsolved, 62 percent of murders have been solved to date.

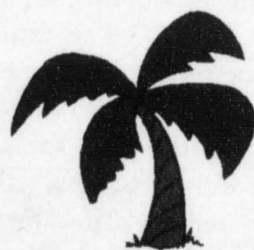
PATTANI, Thailand - Seventy-eight people were arrested and packed into police trucks where many were suffocated or crushed. More than 1,300 people were packed into the truck. The number of trucks was not released.

HAVANA - Cuba announced on Monday that U.S. Currency will no longer be accepted from island businesses. This is a significant change from past commercial transactions in attempt for Cuba to gain more economic control.

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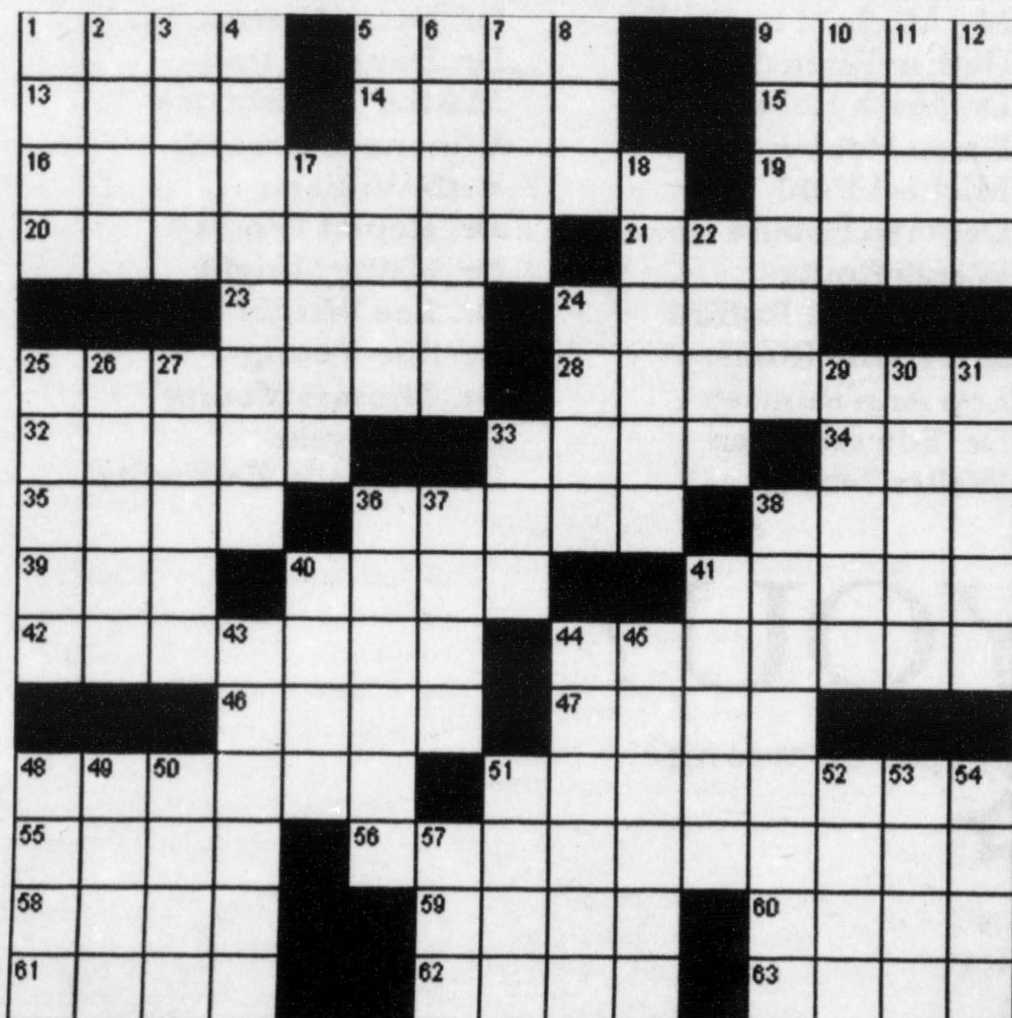
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Across

1. Fitting close and comfortably
5. Why so ____, chum?
9. Synagogue
13. Norse god of Mischief
14. Not common
15. Depression in the land
16. To pay too much
19. Feeling of strong eagerness
20. Containing basalt
21. Womens stockings
23. In a willing manner
24. Athletic contest
25. Cause to be annoyed
28. Controls lateral motion in planes
32. Arm of a larger body of water
33. Summertime "stinger"
34. United Nations agency dealing with International Labor
35. Payment to be part of an organization
36. Parts of a receipt
38. Bum, in Britain
39. Dice (pl)
40. Door part
41. Annoyance, pet ____
42. Y, or Atomic Number 39
44. Vault for bones
46. Part of the Colonel's recipe
47. ____ (Two words), a two

48. To feel grief

51. Smallness of stature

55. Units of electrical resistance

56. Two decimal

58. Lover (French)

59. Rising upward in the air

60. Singer ____ Turner

61. Potato cousins

62. Extension at the end of

main buildings

63. Original matter that

existed before the "big

bang"

Down

1. Messy person

2. Chevy model, or space

3. Hawaiian guitar having

four strings

4. Long necked mammals

5. Way of cooking potatoes, au

6. To put down

7. Related to urine

8. "It's rainin' ____!"

9. Gracefully slender

10. Angelic ring

11. Capital of Mongolia

Bator

12. Transparent optical

device

17. Make by braiding

18. Metamorphic rock similar

to granite

22. Hurt dog noise

24. Yes sir, yes ____

25. Blouse with a sailor collar

26. Another name for Eskimo

27. Group of ships

29. To develop fully

30. Martini accessory

31. New idea, or a book

33. World Wide ____

36. Made tough by habitual

exposure

37. ____ Raider

38. George's father quote

"____ NOW!"

40. Capital of Ukraine

41. To worry nervously

43. Used in medical research

44. Resembling a tail

45. People who hone

48. Nickname, what you ____

(2 words)

49. Greek fertility goddess

50. Man who leads prayer in a

mosque

51. Summertime location

52. German chessmist, ____

Hermann Fischer

53. Not crazy

54. Wrestling move, body ____

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One of the main characters in her novel is the notorious feminist, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. Stanton was a suffragette. She believed that women were being treated unfairly and that they needed to be given the same rights as men. Although the characters in the novel were fictional, there were several references to historical feminists.

The 45 minute presentation was followed by a question and answer session. Students asked the author about her life and her novels. One student asked Monfredo when she became interested in writing. Manfredo said she started writing when she took a creative writing course in high school.

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Miriam Grace Monfredo
 Women Studies Department at
 Mansfield University.

Monfredo continues to write historical novels.

'Dr. Hoy'

Adding the broadcasting component to this project proved a lot of work as Hoy would find. Along with audio and video work, Hoy taught a basic web design seminar. "I had to show the officers how to produce their own video and audio for their audience," Hoy said. "The lessons included both shooting and editing the footage. I also had to show them how to create and design a website using the basics of Dream weaver."

Hoy was to teach these methods and programs in 90-minute sessions over three days. "One thing I did gain from my time in Croatia is the ability to synthesize a large amount of information into a short lecture," Hoy said. "I had to take a semesters, or 16 weeks worth of material and squeeze it in to a four-hour class."

On their two-week stay in Croatia last May, the committee had the opportu-

nity to meet several important individuals from across the world including the Ambassador to Croatia. "We were able to meet with public information offices from all over the world," Hoy said. "Many representatives of the former Republics in the old Soviet Union were there including Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, and the Ukraine."

The President's Volunteer Service Award recognizes the tens of millions of Americans who have made a sustained commitment to volunteer service.

This program is beneficial for Hoy both in business, and in his life outside of the communication world. "There has been a great deal of both personal and professional growth since I participated in the program," Hoy said. "If I could do it again next year, I would. It is a great opportunity. I did it for the experience, not the award."

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Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"

One nation under... religious discrimination

Separation of Church and State or Exploitation of Church for state?

By THERESA BENNER

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

While I was out of town over the weekend enjoying some valuable time and relaxation away from Mansfield, my piece of mind was momentarily obstructed when a billboard both baffled and upset me. The billboard, which many of you have probably seen, read, "One nation under God. Bush/Cheney '04."

First, the fact that under was underlined simply confuses me. The first interpretation that comes to mind, is that government is secondary to religion, and while many American's believe this to be true, not ALL American's do. Furthermore, not only does this exclude those who may not be religious in nature whatsoever, but also any individuals who's beliefs fall outside of Christianity.

Religion is an important aspect in the lives of many people, and while I understand why individuals may vote for the candidate who best embodies both their political and religious beliefs, I do not feel that religion should be used as the foundation for a campaign advertisement. I do not think religion should enter into the campaign at all.

Not only is it unfair to those who fall in the religious minority, but it is also unfair for a political party to take advantage of something sacred to so many people by using it as a form of political endorsement. I mean, I know a lot of celebrities have voiced their affiliations, but last I heard the big guy (girl/thing) upstairs hadn't released any official statements yet. Although, such a statement might be helpful at this point, with many Americans still unde-

cided and several others unhappy with their decisions anyway.

I'm not just targeting one party here, I know both candidates have discussed their beliefs publicly, but the truth of the matter is that Church and State are to be separated for a reason.

Throughout the debate over whether or not "under God" should be left in the Pledge of Allegiance, George W. Bush argued that it is a statement of patriotism not religion. It isn't this argument that bothers me. The problem is that it's not the only interpretation of the phrase, and simply, that I'd rather be hearing about a candidates agenda for the next four years than about their personal lives. And yes, I believe when it comes to politics, religion should be personal.

What role do you feel religion plays in politics and campaigns?

E-mail your thoughts on this to flashopinions@yahoo.com

Letters to the Editor



To the Flashlight:

I've enjoyed reading Zach DuBord's commentaries all semester long, and I was particularly impressed by his latest, "Mansfield Junior College: Mediocrity is Good Enough." Mr. DuBord points out to the campus community that the Provost's task force for restructuring the academic side of the university "has yet to include any delegation from the Humanities." I found the commentary to be well-written, well-argued, and to the point. Quite frankly, it shamed me. Although I, too, was taken aback when I read the Provost's email asking the campus community to "celebrate" this new task force which lacked any representation from the humani-

ties, art, or theatre, I hadn't taken time away from my class preparation and grading to make a public statement about the situation.

So I applaud Mr. DuBord for his efforts.

I'd also like to point out that ten minutes ago, I received a phone call from the Provost, asking me to represent the Humanities on the Administrative Structures Task Force. Thank you, Mr. DuBord, and Power to the People.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. Lynn Pifer
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Commentary:

Student apathy: Fed by the faculty?

By ZACH DuBORD

Flashlight Writer

Today, the question of solving the problem of student apathy was posed to me. On a national level, I'm really not sure, but I think it may boil down to a few factors. For one, I think most people, and this goes for everyone, are satisfied with the status quo. Many see the civil rights movements as accomplishments of the past that put the United States in the place where it needs to be. I believe that most people are unaware that are still things that could be changed, and there are still dialogues to take place about important issues.

However, on the level of Mansfield University I do have a few suggestions that might make students more active. This may not be what the University wants. After all, student protests, rallies, and other turmoil on campus will not reflect positively on the public image of the University, and might affect enrollment; administratively speaking, a quiet student body is a good student body.

The reason why students are largely apathetic regarding events that are taking place at Mansfield is that most students do not have the slightest clue as to what is going on around them, and live in a bubble containing their classes, their friends, and their room or apartment. While some might gripe and blame this problem on this publication, The Flashlight, this gripe is mostly misdirected. True, there could be a little more investigative reporting and a little less 'what-did-everybody-do-last-week,' but much of this is largely because the administration keeps a low profile.

If the administration and faculty want students to be more engaged, they need to become more engaged themselves and utilize this publication and other student organizations as a tool to disseminate information other than what sporting events are taking place where, who went to what conference, and what cookie-cutter folk-rock singer is playing at Park Avenview this week. Admittedly, The

Flashlight is a student publication, but its readership extends beyond the students to faculty, administrators, and even the occasional borough resident.

The students don't care because the students don't know. The faculty doesn't speak because the students aren't listening. The administration doesn't listen because there is nobody speaking.

The solution is to raise the level of dialogue on campus. It would be helpful if the administration would put out a substantive press release every so often, so that students might be aware of what is going on. It doesn't even have to be a truthful press release, just something to make it look like you care about student interest; perhaps then it might be possible for student journalists to investigate the truth behind the issue.

For the faculty, the my.mansfield forums or luncheons with the Provost are not the only venues where faculty can engage in a semi-occasional debate regarding important issues. I challenge any unsatisfied fac-

ulty member to write a letter to the editor! Your faculty lounge, inter-office grumbling accomplishes nothing! By wimping out and whining to your colleagues you have only the ear of your fellow disenfranchised, apathetic, unengaged friends. Most of you have tenure! Short of committing a lascivious sex act on the South Hall Mall, not much can happen to you. What are you so afraid of?

When things are going on regarding the finances for your department, the cutting of programs, or the reorganization of the university, it is your duty to inform the students before it's too late so that they can do something about it. It's not a matter of professionalism to refrain from communicating with students; we have an interest in preserving the integrity of our degrees and it isn't gossip if you tell us that hey, guess what, the administration is demanding that you increase enrollment in our department or they will cut our major.

If you want the students to speak up, make some noise yourself.

Letter: Vote based on your convictions, not your professor's

Dear Editor,

As election day draws near I feel I must express myself objectively and do my best from being belligerent. With all the emphasis on voting this year it made me wonder...what is the true nature of the blitz on young people to vote? I feel there is a very obvious agenda by Hollywood, other celebrities and even members of the Mansfield University faculty. I doubt that it is their wish that we just express ourselves, but quite frankly vote for John Kerry. If we truly feel John Kerry would be better for America then they should vote for him, but please, do not vote for him if your favorite musician or Hollywood personality says so, or based on what your professor says either. This university is a cauldron of liberal bias anyway. You think a screening of "Fahrenheit 9/11" was shown to simply inform you? No! will extra credit to go watch it influence your vote, I hope not. Last I heard faculty weren't to push their political ideology on us, on either side.

When I go to the polls I'm going to consider this, and I hope you do to,

-If I were a terrorist, who would I be more afraid of, John Kerry or George Bush?

-How strong is an economy when you can't protect it from those who would destroy it?

-Who can use my money best, the government or me? If the government then John Kerry, if you then George Bush.

-Does the Declaration of Independence declare that we are entitled to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness or free money and the promise that the government will do everything for you instead of giving you the free opportunity to be responsible for your destiny? If the former then George Bush and if the later then John Kerry.

Lastly, I just want the students to do a little soul searching. Vote based on your heart not what a charismatic professor or celebrity says. There is enough media out there that I don't need to promote or George Bush or discredit John Kerry anymore. Vote based on your convictions, for whoever you wish. As for me, I trust George W. Bush, but you decide for yourself. Thank you.

Bryn Dunham

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This Week In Sports: Who's my papi?..The Boston Red Sox

By TED MINNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

Just as my last article was reaching newsstands all across Mansfield University, something amazing was happening. The Boston Red Sox were making history. No more than a few hours after my last article was available to the campus, an article in which I cursed the Red Sox, they complete the greatest comeback in baseball history.

I said, and I quote, "by the end, I predict, the [New York] Yankees will show the Red Sox 'who their daddy is.' Well, I was wrong. I can admit it when I am wrong. I am sure that many Boston faithful were laughing as they read the article.

After being down three games to none, the Red Sox did the impossible. No team had ever come back from a three games to none deficit, heck no team had even forced a game seven before. What happened? There are two ways to look at it, either the Yankees choked, or the Red Sox completed the comeback of all comebacks.

So many things about the comeback were fitting though. If a team was ever going to pull this type of comeback off, it would have had to been in a Yankees-Red Sox series. Most would have expected it to happen the other way around though, you know with the help of that curse thing. I believe that the Red Sox pulled

off a comeback, as compared to the Yankees choking. Now, I did say in my last article that I did not think these Yankees were necessarily better than these Red Sox, and those Red Sox finally showed up.

Sparked by David Ortiz's game winning, walk-off, extra inning, homerun in game five, the Red Sox looked like a completely different team after that. They played with confidence and played smart baseball. They also did something that never, ever happens to the Yankees. The Red Sox were able to rally two nights in a row off of Yankees closer Mariano Rivera. Prior to that series Rivera had never blown back-to-back save opportunities in the playoffs. That seemed like a small fact after the fact though.

The play that epitomizes the series was in game six. With the Yankees down by two runs and only one out Alex Rodriguez came to bat. Yankees team captain Derek Jeter was standing on first cheering on his teammate. Rodriguez bounces a weak ground ball down the first base line. Pitcher Bronson Arroyo and first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz both went for the ball. Arroyo picked it up and went to tag out Rodriguez as he was running towards the bag. Just as he was about to be tug out,

Rodriguez slapped at Arroyo's hand knocking the ball out. The ball rolled into the foul ground behind first base, Jeter scored all the way from first and Rodriguez was standing on second. Initially Rodriguez was ruled safe at first by umpire Randy Marsh, even though the safe signal was given before Rodriguez ever touched the base. Boston manager Terry Francona came out to argue to call. The umpires met and overturned to original call, making Rodriguez out at first, sending Jeter back to first and taking the run off the board.

They say that playing in New York can mess with your head. It must have with Rodriguez. He is a smart player, but on that play he was just not thinking at all. All he had to do was try and avoid the tag, even if he was out Jeter was standing on second in scoring position. After that the Yankees momentum was killed and the Red Sox were able to roll on to the victory.

I also questioned the acquisitions made by the Red Sox. I have to apologize for those comments too. Shortstop Orlando Cabrera had an amazing series against the Yankees. Doug Mientkiewicz, even though he did not hit much, played a

gold-glove first base.

What else is there to say about Curt Schilling's performance in game six that hasn't been said. The man is a true competitor and a work horse. He ended up having a tendon sewed onto his bone in order to pitch in game six. I know he plays for the Red Sox, but his ankle socks were that color for a different reason.

With all this being said, I congratulate the Boston Red Sox for completing the greatest comeback in baseball

history. As for the curse? The Sox have changed my mind about the curse, once again. But, they still need to win the big one and the St. Louis Cardinals have something to say about that. Right now it looks like a pretty good bet that the Red Sox will be the 2004 World Series Champions, but I don't want to make any other predictions right now. I don't want anything to come back and haunt me.

The Flashlight Sports "Question of the Week"

Which is the better individual playoff comeback performance in a single game?

Curt Schilling, Ankle:

Boston Red Sox vs. New York Yankees, Game six, 2004

Willis Reed, Knee:

New York Knicks vs. Los Angeles Lakers, Game seven, 1970

Michael Jordan, Flu:

Chicago Bulls vs. Utah Jazz, Game five, 1997

Kirk Gibson, Knee:

Los Angeles Dodgers vs. Oakland Athletics, Game one, 1988

This Week In Mountie Sports

	Thursday 10/28	Friday 10/29	Saturday 10/30	Sunday 10/31	Monday 11/1	Tuesday 11/2	Wednesday 11/3
Cross Country			@ PSAC Conference - Kutztown 11 a.m.				
Swimming			Bloomsburg University 11 a.m.				
Football			Millersville 1 p.m.				



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Mountaineers say goodbye to seniors

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

It's a tale of two seasons for the Mansfield University field hockey team. Ever since they won three out of four games at the beginning of October, the Mounties are playing much better.

It's only fitting then, that the Mounties played two of their best games at the end of the 2004 season. The changing of the guard has begun as the freshmen and sophomores are ready to take over for the five departing Mountaineer seniors.

Seniors Marci Lippert, Ashley Celaschi, Kristen Campbell, Chelsea Phillips, and Marci Fureman played their last home field hockey game on Oct. 20 against the no. four ranked Huskies of Bloomsburg University. The Mounties put in a tough performance, but gave up a goal in each of the halves to fall to the Huskies 2-0.

The Huskies Maribeth Brozena scored in the 25:00 minute to break the scoreless tie, 1-0. Phillips saw a shot blocked by Huskie goalie Tracey Hudak that would've tied the score. The Mounties trailed 1-0 at the half, but almost tied it up early in the second half as Lippert's shot went just wide. Sharal Parlon scored in the 52:00 minute to give the Huskies a 2-0 lead, and the victory in a hard fought Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference game.

The Huskies out-shot the Mounties 16-8 in the game, as junior Katie Heil made five saves for the game. Mansfield fell to 5-13 on the season and 3-10 in the PSAC. The no. four ranked Huskies improved to 16-3 on the season and 10-3 in the PSAC.

The Mounties continued their good play as they traveled to Millersville University on Oct. 23. In the Mounties last game of the 2004 season, it was the senior Celaschi and a freshman Ryanne Higgins both scoring to pull out a win in overtime, 2-1.

The Marauders of Millersville University started off the scoring when Danielle Floyd scored unassisted in the 23:00 minute. The Mounties fought hard to get on the scoreboard, but trailed 1-0 at halftime. In the second half, the Mounties fought hard to capture another win in their last game of the season. As a scoreless second half dwindled down, Higgins tied the game with a goal inside of 10 minutes left in the game.

In overtime, the Mounties did not mess around, as the senior tandem of Campbell to Celaschi netted the game winning goal to secure the victory, 2-1. It was a fitting way for the seniors to go out in their Mansfield University career, winning the last game they will ever play. It was also fitting that Celaschi, a player that has played in almost every game since she's been here, would score the final goal of the game, season, and her career.

The Mounties finish the season with 32 goals scored, beating both Millersville and Slippery Rock twice. Sophomore sensation Alissa Gallagher led the team with eight goals on the season. In her two year career, Gallagher has 15 total goals. Campbell and freshman Keely Jarrett finished the season tied with seven goals each. In Campbell's last three years, she has scored 25 times, and finished an impressive career at Mansfield University with a game-winning assist. Higgins, another freshman, scored five goals for the high-powered Mounties offensive attack. Also contributing goals this season for the Mounties was Phillips, junior Ashley Meta, sophomore Angela Hamill, and Celaschi with two goals on the season.

The Mounties were 1-8 in the first part of the season, but in the second half of the season, the Mounties played much better going 5-5. The Mounties finish the season with a 6-13 record overall and a 4-10 record in the PSAC.

Fifth Annual Young Men's Choral Festival

Sponsored by
The American Choral Directors Association

Friday, Nov. 5

4 p.m. in Steadman Theatre

**Performance by the Young Men's Choir and the
MU Men's Choir with guest conductor,
Randy Swiggum**

Admission if free

6 p.m. in Steadman Theatre

****Performance by guest artists,
Ithacapella****

**\$5 general admission,
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**Acapella Men's Ensemble from Ithaca College
All styles of music, including popular**

This event is funded in part by Student Activities fees.

Election Announcement

Pennsylvania Voter Guides and a list of Tioga County polling places for the Nov. 2 election are available next to the Library Circulation desk.

The deadline for absentee ballot submission in Pa. must be received by 5 p.m. Oct. 29 at the county election office. If the ballots are received after that, but before the polls close on Nov. 2, the votes will be counted for the Presidential race only.

Absentee ballot for N.Y. must be submitted by mail with a postmark of Nov. 1 or earlier.

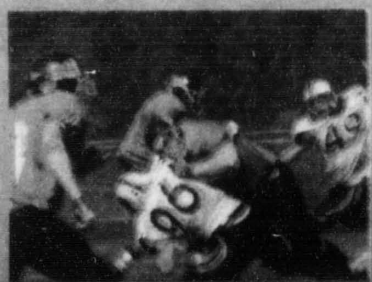
If you are a new voter, changed your address, or applied for an absentee ballot and did not receive your card or ballot, call your county election office. Pennsylvania voters can call toll-free 1-877-VOTESPA, and N.Y. voters can call 1-800-FOR-VOTE to ask for the phone number of their home county election office, or polling place locations.

If you are voting for the first time, bring a photo ID on election day. Copy your photo ID when you mail in your absentee ballot.

The polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Nov. 2

Picks of the Week

Week 8	Mike Peters (66-36)	Sarah Stoermer (58-44)	Mike Pastore (62-40)	Chad Landers (65-37)	Jonathan Schwab (66-36)
Cardinals @ Bills	Cardinals	Cardinals	Bills	Bills	Bills
Bengals @ Titans	Titans	Titans	Bengals	Bengals	Titans
Packers @ Redskins	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers
Jaguars @ Texans	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars	Texans
Ravens @ Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Colts @ Chiefs	Colts	Chiefs	Colts	Colts	Chiefs
Giants @ Vikings	Vikings	Giants	Giants	Vikings	Vikings
Panthers @ Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks
Lions @ Cowboys	Lions	Cowboys	Cowboys	Lions	Lions
Falcons @ Broncos	Broncos	Falcons	Broncos	Falcons	Broncos
Patriots @ Steelers	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Steelers
Raiders @ Chargers	Chargers	Raiders	Chargers	Chargers	Chargers
49ers @ Bears	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers	49ers
Dolphins @ Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets	Jets



Flashlight Sports

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2004

The Mansfield University Mountaineers fall to 1-7 after a 49-7 beating to the Huskies of Bloomsburg University

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team came up the short in its final road game of the season, as they lost 49-7 on Saturday, Oct. 23 to the Bloomsburg Huskies. The Mounties slid to 1-7 overall and 1-3 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East with the loss while Bloomsburg improved to 6-2 overall and 3-1 in the East.

The game marked the return of Earnest McNeal to the lineup for the Mountaineers and he wasted no time getting involved. He took the first snap from scrimmage 13 yards for a Mounties first down. The drive eventually stalled and Mansfield punted the ball away to Bloomsburg. Following that punt, the two teams traded scoreless possessions before the Huskies regained the ball to start their second series of the afternoon.

Following a solid punt return from freshman running back Jamar Brittingham, the Huskies started at their own 48-yard line. Bloomsburg used their powerful rushing attack to get their offense on track, as they drove 52 yards in only four plays. The drive was highlighted by a 33-yard run by starting tailback Mike Ceroli. Brittingham put the Huskies on the board when he coasted into the end zone from six yards out to make the score 7-0.

The Mansfield offense was unable to get anything going on its next possession, as they went three plays and out and punted the ball back to Bloomsburg. For the second consecutive series, the Huskies moved down the field on the strength of their running game. Bloomsburg closed out the drive when Brittingham put the ball in the end zone for the second time on the day, diving in from a yard out to put the Huskies ahead 14-0.

Bloomsburg used Mansfield's first turnover of the game to further extend their lead. On the kickoff following Bloomsburg's second score, Mansfield's Ronnie Montgomery returned the kick almost out to the Mansfield 40-yard line but as he was fighting for extra yardage at the end of the play, the ball was

ripped out of his arms and the Huskies fell on the fumble.

It took Bloomsburg only six plays to cash in on Mansfield's mistake. Once again it was the running game, as Ceroli posted his first score of the game, cruising into the end zone from two yards away to make the score 21-0 early in the second quarter. That was the last score of the first half but there was no lack of opportunities for each team.

Montgomery took the ensuing kickoff back 39 yards into Bloomsburg territory. The Mounties took the ball down to the 30-yard line but the drive stalled there and Mansfield was forced to punt. The Mounties got the ball back when Montgomery intercepted Bloomsburg quarterback Jack Lydic at the Mansfield 24-yard line. Mansfield again drove down the field, but the drive came to an end at the Huskies 36-yard line.

The Mounties punted the ball back to Bloomsburg and the Huskies took over at their own eleven-yard line with 2:32 to go in the first half. Using a mix of short passes and runs, the Huskies pushed the ball down to the Mansfield 17-yard line with three seconds left in the half. Bloomsburg lined up for a 33-yard field goal attempt by kicker Garrett Bloom, but Bloom's kick drifted wide right to keep the score at 21-0 at halftime.

Bloomsburg got the ball back to start the second half and immediately put points on the board. Ceroli broke loose to the right side and raced through the defense for a 56-yard touchdown run to make the score 28-0. Mansfield quickly responded with their lone score of the day. Key plays on the drive included a fake punt 34-yard run by defensive end Jason

Twedt and a pass interference call that brought the Mounties down to the Bloomsburg two-yard line. From there it was McNeal taking it in for a two-yard touchdown run to cut the lead to 28-7.

It was Mansfield's first score since the fourth quarter of the Cheyney game. Mansfield head coach Jim Shiffer thought the score was important for his team. "[It was] very big to get on the board," Shiffer said. McNeal had his best game of the season statistically, running 26 times for 135 yards and a touchdown. Shiffer expressed pleasure with his tailback's performance. "Earnest played hard and ran with a purpose on Saturday," Shiffer said, "and gave our squad a great effort."

Bloomsburg answered right back as Lydic found wide receiver Steve Burke twice on the drive, including for a 13-yard score to advance the lead to 35-7 for Bloomsburg. That remained the score heading into the fourth quarter.

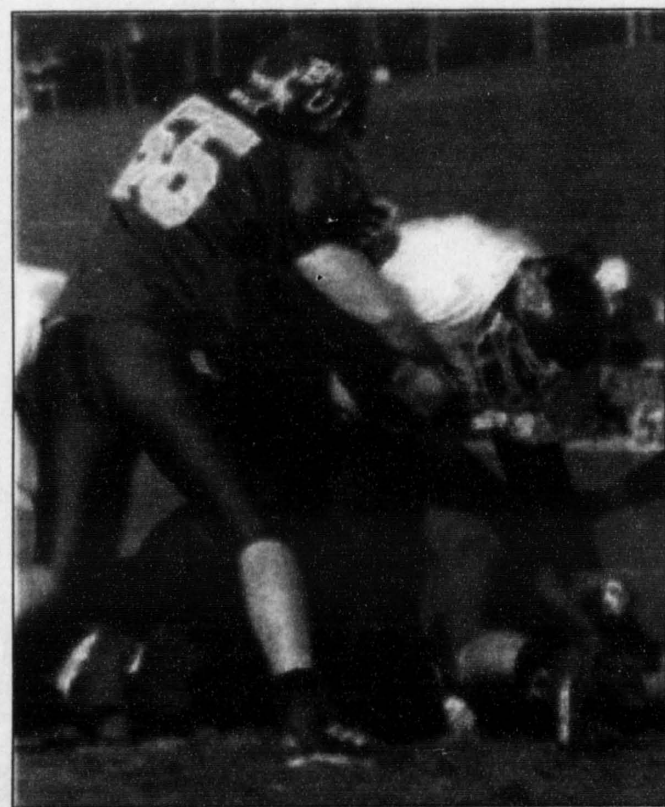
Early in the fourth, the Huskies scored their sixth touchdown of the day. Fullback Tyson Hale bulled his way into the end zone from three yards away to make the

Bloomsburg advantage 42-7. The Huskies rounded out the scoring midway through the final quarter when backup running back Pat Kaiser scored from eight yards out on fourth down and one to account for the final score.

Despite only scoring seven points, Mansfield's offense moved the ball effectively, gaining 285 yards of total offense. Quarterback Matt Hildebrand went nine for 22 for 99 yards and an interception. Tight end Eddie Van Buren led the receivers with three catches for 29 yards. Joe Frick led the defense with a game high 17 tackles while Andre Turner had ten tackles. Shiffer saw a couple of reasons to be upbeat after the game. "[I liked] our ability to run the ball," Shiffer said, "and play hard for 60 minutes."

Bloomsburg relied heavily on their running game to amass 547 yards of offense. Ceroli ran for 214 yards and two touchdowns while Brittingham carried the ball 18 times for 116 yards and two scores. Rodney Johnson paced a balanced effort by the Huskies defense with six tackles including two for loss.

Mansfield returns to the field at 1 p. m. on Oct. 30 at Karl Van Norman Field when they face the Millersville Marauders.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Mansfield University lost its second consecutive game with the loss at Bloomsburg University. The Mountaineers return home on Saturday, Oct. 30.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
West Chester	5-0	7-2	.778	Shippensburg	4-1	8-1	.889
E. Stroudsburg	3-1	7-1	.875	Edinboro	4-1	6-2	.750
Bloomsburg	3-1	6-2	.750	IUP	3-1	5-3	.625
Millersville	2-2	4-4	.500	California	1-3	5-3	.625
Mansfield	1-3	1-7	.125	Clarion	1-3	3-6	.333
Kutztown	1-4	3-5	.375	Lock Haven	1-3	3-6	.333
Cheney	0-4	1-8	.111	Slippery Rock	1-3	3-6	.333



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Michael Moore mauled by disgruntled elephant

By TOM "MR.FABULOUS" COLARUSSO

Special to *The Trashlight*

Political activist and acclaimed filmmaker behind such movies as *Bowling for Columbine* and *Canadian Bacon* was brutally attacked Monday by an elephant upset over Moore's latest short documentary, "I Crapped a Load on Film and Blamed it on the Republicans." The incident occurred in Moore's Hollywood mansion where he was resting after a long day of thinking of more stuff to blame on the current administration.

"You know, I had just finally thought of a way to pin menstruation and *Terminator 3* on Bush, when I looked up and I thought I saw a mirror," said Moore in a statement. "It was at that point I realized it was actually a 3 ton elephant." The elephant proceeded to beat Moore for about 15 minutes before police arrived and calmed the situation down. Police are unsure as to how the elephant gained entrance to Moore's home, considering it has no opposable thumbs or the ability to open doors, but they figured it was best not to question such things and let the elephant on its way.

"I alerted animal control as soon as I heard the commotion," neighbor Ricky Martin said. "I was practicing some hot dance moves, Shakakalakalaka boom boom! And I saw what looked like two Brontosaurus's going at it! Well, I thought, this may be

Hollywood, but that just ain't right." Animal control attempted to tranquilize both subjects, but both Moore and the elephant appeared to have equally thick hides. Police were notified and broke up the scuffle.

"Yeah, darndest thing ever," Said Sergeant Rourke of the LAPD. "Never seen two elephants go at each other like that. And the one could talk, which really confused me. I thought, man, am I high again? But, turns out one was Michael Moore, the legendary filmmaker behind such classics as *Fahrenheit 9/11* and *EDtv*. I can't really say I blamed the elephant actually."

When asked if he thought the elephant was acting out from political outrage, Sgt. Rourke said, "Nah, I think the animal kingdom is just upset over having their good images ruined by these extremists on the left and right. I mean, look was happened to Bill O'Reilly." He said referring to a similar incident last Tuesday when Bill O'Reilly, the host of such politically accurate news shows such as "The O'Reilly Factor" and "Inside Edition," was lured into a seedy bathroom with the promise of oral sex and was kicked in the nuts by a donkey. No charges were filed in that incident.

"Besides," said Sgt. Rourke, "That elephant was wearing a button that said Vote Libertarian."

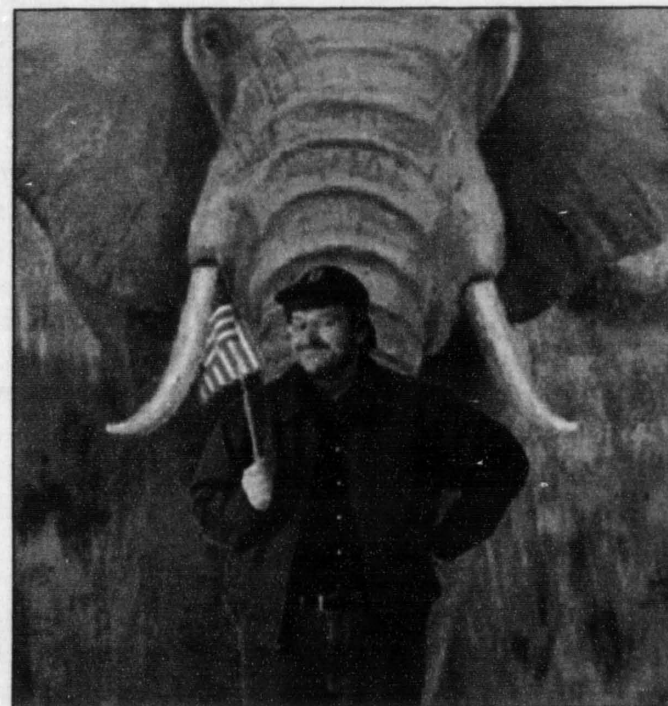


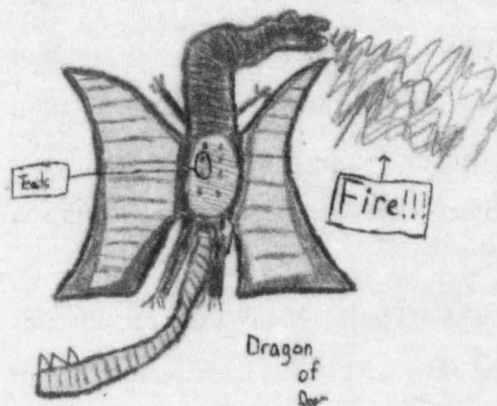
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Both thick-skinned and heavy, Moore and the elephant just couldn't see eye-to-eye.

Irritable dragon destroys university and webadvisor

By ZACH ZACHS

For the second time in 147 years, Mansfield University has burnt to the ground. Unlike the fire of 1857, which destroyed the one-building Mansfield Classical Seminary, this fire managed to wipe out the entire college from Decker Gym to Cedarcrest Manor. While the cause is largely unknown, it is



Detailed artistic rendering of the wing-ed arsonist who burninated MU.

widely believed that a large fire-breathing dragon started the fire in a fit of rage over being unable to use Webadvisor. Although Trashlight photographers attempted to get a picture of the hideous beast, they were soon consumed and their cameras, as well as their partially digested limbs, were found scattered over the entire "E" lot in a pool of regurgitated waste.

It is unclear as to why the dragon might be attempting to use Webadvisor when there is no record of any winged, fire-spewing, beasts at the registrar's office. "It is entirely possible however that we did lose his paperwork," commented an office worker on condition of anonymity, "we do have a pretty inefficient operation sometimes."

For many Mansfield borough residents, the burning of the university and all of its inhabitants came as a pleasant surprise. "Well ya know, it sounded kinda like a train, like a big train was coming through the back yard

there, but when we looked up and saw it was raining fire...we knew..." said Jim Jims a Mansfield town resident, "we knew it had to be a giant fire breathing cat with wings or something."

Jims' son, James, also provided an artist's rendering of what the vicious beast looked like, and astutely noted the presence of several nipples. "That means it was a girl-dragon!" and "you see when a dragon has more than two teats you can be pretty certain that it's a female, as male dragons only have two. I wonder if she was protecting her young."

Despite young James Jims' knowledge of Biology, it seems somewhat unlikely that the Dragon was protecting her young from Webadvisor. It is unknown as to whether or not Webadvisor has negative side effects on the children of those who use it, but according to Mansfield Biology professor Howard Howards, Webadvisor has been known to create sexual side effects. While the reason for

this is also unknown, Howards hypothesizes that there is a correlation between male students waiting for Webadvisor to load being distracted by Internet pornography and failing to ever sign up for classes.

For the surviving Mansfield University students, the destruction of the facilities was a terrible blow against achieving their hopes and dreams as a police officer or broadcaster. "I don't know what else to do, or where else I can possibly go," lamented Mansfield student Englebert Engleberts, "I only got in here because they didn't require an essay, I don't know if I could have gotten in anywhere else." Yet in the true spirit of blind stupidity, the staff of *The Trashlight* has vowed to continue writing, even in the face of such horrible tragedy. As an organization devoted entirely to the investigation and reporting of news, *The Trashlight* will forever keep on keeping on.



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Today's Weather



Colder than a witches teat.

High: 0° Low: -27°

Bush and Kerry campaigns take it to the sheets

By ROY "RUMBLE FISH" MILLER

Special to The Trashlight

With the election so close and the country so divided, it's hard to believe that any angle of our political lives in America is left unexplored, any political stone has not been overturned.

There is one place however, that pundits have failed to consider politics playing a factor: the bedroom.

Hank and Mary Sevilla have been married for six years. The Sevillas are a political family, with vinyl signs peppering their lawn. Who are the Sevilla's voting for this November? It depends on who you ask. Hank is a republican. Mary is a democrat.

"My wife is just a little fruity with this whole women's Lib stuff" says Hank. "I expect it to blow over after the election though." From the kitchen, Mary chimed in "Don't you count on it!" over the sound of smoke detectors as she continued to intentionally burn the roast as a form of protest.

"My husband is such a cro-magnum beast! Just look at that forehead. You could plow a field with it! He can't stand the fact that I can think for myself and more importantly, I can vote for myself." From the kitchen, Hank called out "What I can't stand is the fact that you're so damned loopy!"

It is estimated that at least forty percent of all marriages are bi-partisan. With such a split dividing the nation, it's hard to imagine Republicans and Democrats staying in bed together and harder to see them meeting under the auspices of love.

Social psychologist Dr. Leonard M. Butterfats says though the problem's complex the explanation is simple: "when two young people meet, the first question they ask each other isn't 'Hey baby, what are you registered as?'. Often a relationship is formed independent of any political discourse between the two participants."

In that case, why is this becoming a problem now? Dr. Butterfats thinks that "the current political climate has brought people to become more political. Where before they were just lovers, now they're voters, and every vote counts. Especially your partner's."

Why can't we all get along? Ask the Pattersons, a couple who's been married for 28 years. They'd tell you it's because Amy Patterson is voting Bush, while Samuel Patterson is voting Kerry.

"It's been very difficult" says Samuel, an insurance salesman and a Democrat. "We can't really talk politics in this house. It's become taboo."

"I've had a hard time trying not to lose

respect for my husband" comments Amy, a real estate agent and a Republican. "Once he starts going on about 'diplomacy', the 'United Nations', 'human rights', he sounds so weak, so whiney. Not like a man at all."

"I have a hard time" Samuel responds "looking her in the eye or taking her seriously at all. I feel as if I'm talking to a robot, a brain-washed, uncaring robot, programmed by the Bush Administration."

Is there any hope for these marriages to stay afloat in such turbulent seas? Genie O'Nealey of "Warming Hands Marriage Counseling Center" says there is. "Things may look rough now" she claims, "and it's only going to get rougher as the election comes and goes. But if the couple truly loves each other, they can work towards rediscovering that love in the face of these differences."

Such sentiments are not shared everywhere however. Razor A Sharkface, lawyer for the local firm Sharkface, Barracuda, and Jellyjam, says that they've been getting ready for the post election rush. "Divorce cases are going to skyrocket. We're going to see a wave that I think will peak about 6 months after the election and last well into late 2005. The divorcing process can take time, you know, with grief and whatnot."

Is divorce in the cards for the stressed out

Sevillas? "We've already begun to divide up our things" says Mary. "We've drawn lines in the middle of the basement, the closets, and the bedroom. We thought it would relieve the tension, give us some time apart, but it hasn't been working because *somebody* keeps *encroaching on my side*."

"What do you need all that room for woman? Where are my Precious Moments figures collection going to go, huh? The roof?" Hank walked out of the room, but continued to yell "Besides, your side was feeble and weak. It was asking for it."

Mary followed him out, screaming "Fascist!"

And what of the poor Pattersons? Amy explained "we're trying our best to make things work out for the sake of our son. He's a little confused by all this right now." Little Jhonny Patterson 17, chimed in. "No I'm not, you're both a couple of tools!" When asked where his beliefs lay, he said "I wish I were 18, I'd be voting Nader." At this, Amy winced while Samuel wore a noticeable grin.

"I just hope that we can learn to move past this when the election settles out. I miss having a husband by my side that I can respect." Amy said.

"I miss having a wife and a lover too. We haven't had sex since the primaries" adds Samuel.

Dead Presidents endorse drugs Excedrin ads turn to beyond the grave

By HONEY BUCNHES OF ZACH

Trashlight Evildoer

Bristol Meyers-Squibb has announced that it will debut its latest ad campaign featuring, you guessed it, Presidents Abraham Lincoln and John F. Kennedy. The campaign, for their flagship over-the-counter drug, Excedrin, will air on Halloween night and feature the actual risen-from-the-grave dead presidents endorsing their favorite headache medicine.

One of the more notable ads features Kennedy and Lincoln paying a visit to Cuban dictator, Fidel Castro. In the midst of pushing Castro down a flight of stairs, Kennedy pauses and after Lincoln soothingly asks what's wrong, Kennedy remarks that he has "the worst splitting headache ever, I have these awful shooting pains, it's just a nightmare." Lincoln then reaches into his famed stovepipe hat for a dose of Excedrin and says, "Here try this, it's the headache medicine, it works faster than a speeding bullet." After a time-elapsed fifteen minutes,

Kennedy is seen kicking Castro in his recently injured leg while Lincoln looks on and smilingly says, "Excedrin, it's the headache medicine. Honestly."

The ads have met with a moderate degree of public outcry, with many people complaining that the ad campaign desecrates the great legacies of two influential men in American history. Yet some seem to be more upset over the marked lack of presence of President Ronald Reagan. In response to the public outcry, Bristol Meyers-Squibb revealed that while Reagan had also been contracted to be involved in the endorsement deal, it fell through when he had difficulty with the lines.

However, Reagan fans will not be disappointed in the new ad campaign for that infamous hygiene product, Depends, which will feature the under-garment donned Reagan irreverently making note of the fact that with age, "...the economy isn't the only thing that is affected by trickle-down theory."

In a recent press conference with Bristol Meyers-Squibb executive, Lincoln and Kennedy commented on how excited they were to be involved with this project. "We realize that this may be somewhat unsettling for some people," Kennedy reflected, "but at the same time it's fun for us, and it sure beats hanging out with Nixon." Lincoln then added that, "after spending so much time at the theater, it's great to be a part of the other side of things, and let me tell you, it's a lot better than the last time I was in the same place with an actor."

While the exact details of the endorsement deal are unknown, rumor has it that Kennedy and Lincoln both signed on for a two-year contract for a pay of several million dollars apiece. When asked what the dynamic duo of undead endorsement planned to do with their money, both agreed that they would donate to gun-control lobbyist groups. "We are dead, after all, so we don't really need the money," elaborated Kennedy.

POLICE BEAT

October 25, 2004 - Nerdly theft - Unkown person(s) were reported to of stolen several 20 Sided die from various students on campus. Items were stolen while victims were at assorted Dance Dance Revolution tournaments and D&D events.

October 25, 2004 - Indecent Exposure - A group of students were taken down to the local police station after they were caught running naked through lower Manser. Court dates have been set for the "Streak the Vote" members.

October 26, 2004 - Theft - Many students on campus have reported their socks have been removed from their rooms. Most socks were red in color and eyewitnesses have pointed to senior Yank. E Fan after he was overheard shouting "WHY GOD WHY?!!!" last thursday.

October 27, 2004 - Criminal Mischief - Senior Noah Woehrel was charged for criminal mischief after driving various students insane with absurdly hard crossword puzzles and inane word searches.

Hovercraft endangers lives on I-99 corridor

By DAN MASON'S BEARD

MU professor Dan Mason accidentally caught this experimental hovercraft on film.

Mason was driving home last Wednesday when he stopped to take some pictures of the landscape. When he looked at the pictures he found one with an image of the hovercraft where there had been nothing when he shot the picture.

"I picked that spot on the highway because there was nothing to intrude on the picture of the hillside," Mason said.

Shortly after taking the picture, Mason continued on his drive home. In less than five minutes he nearly lost the picture. "A river of revolving red lights appeared in my mirror," Mason said. "I wasn't speeding or anything, but I pulled onto the shoulder just to get out of the way."

Mason said he was surprised when all four police cars skidded to a halt by his Volvo. "I couldn't imagine who they thought I was," Mason said.

People got out of each of the cars, but only one was in uniform. He approached the driver's window and asked for Mason's license and registration, which Mason provided. "Do you know why you were stopped?" the uniformed man asked. Mason shook his head. He had no idea. "It was reported that you were firing a gun along the side of the highway," the uniformed man said.

"I said I had only been firing my camera," Mason said. Mason held up the camera. "One of the other men, the ones not in uniform, snatched the camera from me. The uniformed man continued to ask me questions."

The men who were not in uniform had



We're not sure what this is, but you can probably send this photo to *The National Enquirer* and get some cash and a full report.

spread all around Mason's car. Several had weapons in sight. Mason assumed that was because of the report of his having fired a gun. "They thought I was armed. I wasn't, but they thought I was," Mason said.

When Mason got his camera back he put it back in its pocket in the console where he keeps it. The uniformed man handed him back his license and registration, apologized and told Mason he could be on his way. "It was really weird," Mason said. "I used to be a police officer, and I would have run the license and registration through the computer. This guy didn't even write anything down."

When Mason pulled carefully back onto the road, the four police cars were still parked along the side of the road with their lights flashing. One of them started up and followed him at a distance until he was nearly home. Then it made a u-turn and headed back up the highway.

The real mystery didn't come clear until

Mason got home and checked his camera. "After supper I wanted to see if I had taken any good fog and foliage shots," Mason said. "After all, that's why I stopped."

When Mason checked the memory card in the camera, it was blank. "It was really weird. I know there are controls on the back of the camera to do all sorts of things, but I never bothered to learn how to use them. I just download everything to my Macintosh and work on the photos there."

Mason had wired his camera to his laptop in the car. "That way I can take lots of pictures and not worry about running out of storage in the camera," Mason said. The card was blank, but the pictures had already been downloaded to his computer. When he checked, he found the 37 pictures he had taken. Among them was the picture of the hovercraft.

"When I stopped, there was just a great view of the hillside across the highway," Mason said. "I picked that spot because there was no guardrail to spoil the shot. When I saw the

picture, I knew why I had been stopped."

There have been rumors for years about the I-99 corridor being used for experimental vehicles. No one has ever been able to find proof, until now.

"You can see by how fuzzy that picture is how fast that vehicle must have been going. I never heard or saw it when I was on the road, but the camera doesn't lie!"

Mason went on to point out that what looks like a guardrail in the picture isn't being held up by anything. "I think it must be part of the propulsion system for that thing," Mason said. It lies underground until the hovercraft comes along, then pops up and uses magnets or something to move the craft along, then sinks back into the ground. It pops and drops so fast that no one can see it, but the camera doesn't lie."

Mason took Flashlight reporters to the spot on the highway where he took the picture. In fact, there is no guardrail. A mile down the road there are four sets of skid marks where he claims the police cars stopped him. The Flashlight is strongly opposed to the federal government experimenting with high performance vehicles on the public roadways. If it's not safe for cars to travel above 65 mph, why is it safe for other vehicles to do so? A hovercraft traveling so fast that it cannot be seen by the naked eye poses a threat to drivers on the road.

The White House denied that any experimental vehicles are being used on public roads. "We have no experimental vehicles on the road in Pennsylvania, and even if we did, it's because of 9-11," a spokesman for the administration said.

MU student 'Weaving' America into shape

By ERICA ESTRADA

News police

Zachery B. Weaver, a history student at Mansfield University, declared in a national address last week that he is running for presidency as a write-in candidate. Weaver explained that he began running unofficially last month and then decided to make it official to the public. Weaver chose Kyle Whitney, also an MU student, to run with him for vice president. Kyle Hellman, Weaver's Campaign Regulator, encouraged Weaver decline the offer to be mayor of his hometown to better use his knowledge and skills in leading the country to a better future.

"Kyle [Hellman] said I should run for president," Weaver said, "and I said, 'Why run for mayor

when I can rule the whole nation. With this, I decided to choose Kyle [Hellman] because he is a good campaigner, cares deeply about the poor and helpless, and has a PlayStation 2."

As a student and "punk voter", Weaver has taken a great interest in this election which was the major force for him to take an even stronger role than a single voter.

"We're going to 'Weave America' into a good society, an educated country, and a great place to live," Whitney said.

Much controversy has derived from this announcement concerning Weaver's age and experience. He clarified these accusations with the release of his birth certificate.

"Just because I'm a college junior does not mean I'm not 35,"

Weaver said.

In recent polls, Weaver is shown at the top with a 69% majority over both Senator John Kerry and President George Bush. Even though he has only been campaigning for about a month, Weaver is content with the progress his campaigning staff has made.

"I feel secure with my lead in the polls," Weaver said. "I admire Mr. Kerry and Mr. Bush for their efforts. I do however believe that Bush is sending 'mexed missages' and Kerry should just wear sandals if he's going to be a flip-flopper."

Whitney has made improvement plans alongside Weaver to improve the nation.

"First, I want to meet Shaquille O'Neal and then stand tall against those nations, like Nebraska, that

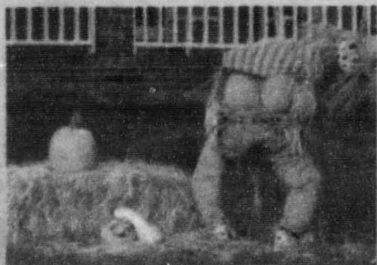
are ruining our economy," Whitney said. "If we don't, we will not be 'weaving' a new and better America. We are convinced that Nebraska has the weapons of mass destruction."

With the election nearing, many Americans are making their final decisions concerning local and federal officials. In these last few weeks, Whitney reminds registered voters to "Vote for the right 'W'."



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Students Kyle Whitney and Zachery Weaver have been campaigning around campus to encourage people to vote for them in the election.



TRASHLIGHT SPORTS

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ♦ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ♦ THURSDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2004

Rejoice Red Sox fans, Epstein outdoes 'The Boss' as he resurrects and signs five Hall of Famers, and saves the Sox

By Peter Michaels
Trashlight Sports Editor

The Boston Red Sox have an added edge over the St. Louis Cardinals with the re-acquisition of five illustrious Hall of Fame players. Lefty Grove, Jimmie Foxx, Cy Young, Tris Speaker and Ted Williams have joined the Red Sox in hopes of pursuing the teams first World Series championship since the 1918 Fall Classic, 86 years ago.

Yes, players have come out of retirement to aide a team to victorious seasons. For example, Michael Jordan and Roger Clemens returned to their respective sports, albeit Clemens lasted a matter of months in the off-season, they still came back and won. There is however one major difference between the two previously mentioned and the Boston returnees that cannot be overlooked. The players up in New England fighting for the crown, well, they are, or were, dead.

"How does this happen?" you ask. "The explanation," according to Jeff Martinak of the Harvard Medical School, is "easy to explain. After years of hearing about the 'Curse of The Bambino,' the Boston ghosts, quite frankly, got pissed off and decided to wreak havoc on the Cardinals and end the 'Curse.'"

The aforementioned "Curse of The Bambino" has been baseball folklore sine the 1919 selling of George "Babe" Ruth's contract from the Red Sox to the New York Yankees. The deal went for \$125,000 cash and a loan for \$300,000, a record at the time. The investment has proven to be poor for Boston, and since then, the Yankees have won a League record 26 Series championships. No team is close to approaching that feat. The Cardinals and the Oakland Athletics are the closest with each having captured nine

rings respectively.

The recent transactions came as a surprise to St. Louis Manager Tony LaRussa. "You have got to be kidding me," LaRussa said. "Not only do they have the only offense that can compete with us, but now they have a handful of the best players to ever step foot on the diamond. How is this fair? It's almost as bad as playing Steinbrenner's Yanks. At least Boston didn't buy the players. I'll give them that."



PHOTO FROM WWW.CMGWW.COM
Cy Young, the name-sake of the top pitching award, retired with 511 wins, a Major League Baseball record.

Cy Young, one of Major League Baseballs most dominant pitchers to throw from the mound, returns to Boston after a 96-year leave from the team, 93 from the league and 49 from the rest of the living world. Young amassed 511 wins, 751 complete games and 7,356 innings pitched, all of which are records, in his monumental career. He will join the dangerous duo of Boston

hurlers, Pedro Martinez and Curt Schilling in their pursuit of the title.

Boston pitching coach, Dave Wallace is excited to have Young on board for their Series with the Cardinals. Cy [Young] threw off the mound today for the first time since 1911," Wallace said. "And I must say he looks amazing. The Cards better hope Stan "The Man" [Musial] bring his cleats to the park. Otherwise, those guys don't have a chance."

Young began his career with Cleveland in 1890. Not the Indians, the Cleveland Spiders. The Spiders relocated to St. Louis in 1898 and changed their nickname to the Cardinals. If the Sox win, could this be the "Curse of Cy Young?"

Young appears confident in his ability to pitch in today's league. "You have got to be kidding me," Young said. "They named a freakin' award after me. I think I can handle the Cardinals."

The 511-game winner will not be the only member added to the pitching staff. Lefty Grove, a 300-game winner will come out of the bullpen in the middle to late innings for Boston.

This is a new spot for Grove, but then again, so is being above ground, so he is thankful for the opportunity. "I'm just glad I can be a part of Boston history," Grove said. "If it means coming out of the bullpen to get the ring, so be it. I won three with the A's, which is nice, but this is 'Bean Town.' People would die for a chance for the ring. I suppose my situation is quite ironic, isn't it?"

The St. Louis hitters certainly have a tough task ahead of them. A season average of .278 was good enough to handle the average

pitching staff of today, but the test will be how they handle a pitching staff spanning 114 years of baseball history.

The hitters are not the only Cardinals in danger. Their pitching staff is not quite comfortable with facing the likes of Foxx, Speaker, and the "Splendid Splinter," Williams. The three combine for 1,172 homeruns and 8,814 base hits in their careers.

Long-time right-hand man of LaRussa and Cardinal pitching coach is still working on a strategic approach to face the new Boston bats. "I have no clue as to how to pitch these three," Duncan said. "If you told me I'd have to develop a pitching strategy set to Williams, Speaker and Foxx in April, I'd have labeled you a fool. Now who's the fool? I don't know. I guess we'll just throw the ball and hope break a hip or something. They are what, 100 years old?"

With the Red Sox losing the first three games against the rivaled Yankees, all hope seemed to disappear. Since then, the Red Sox have fought back to not only win the American League Championship Series, becoming the first baseball team to come back from a three games to none deficit and win, but they are flirting with their first championship in 86 years.

Boston Red Sox fans all over the country are inebriated with, of course alcohol, but also with the thought of their team hoisting the World Series trophy inside of Fenway Park.

Mike Shelp, an

Assistant Manager at the Walmart of Sayre Pa., and the proud owner of a 2001 Mustang, has been a loyal Red Sox fan since the age of 13. Shelp is more than happy to welcome the deceased through the gates of Fenway Park.

"As a 23-year-old Red Sox fan, I could only dream about seeing some of the all-time greats' play," Shelp said. "It's a dream come true to turn on my television and actually see Ted [Williams], Cy [Young], Lefty [Grove], and the others on the field, helping my beloved Red Sox break the curse. Buck the Fambino. It is time for a new curse; 'The Curse of the Comeback.'"

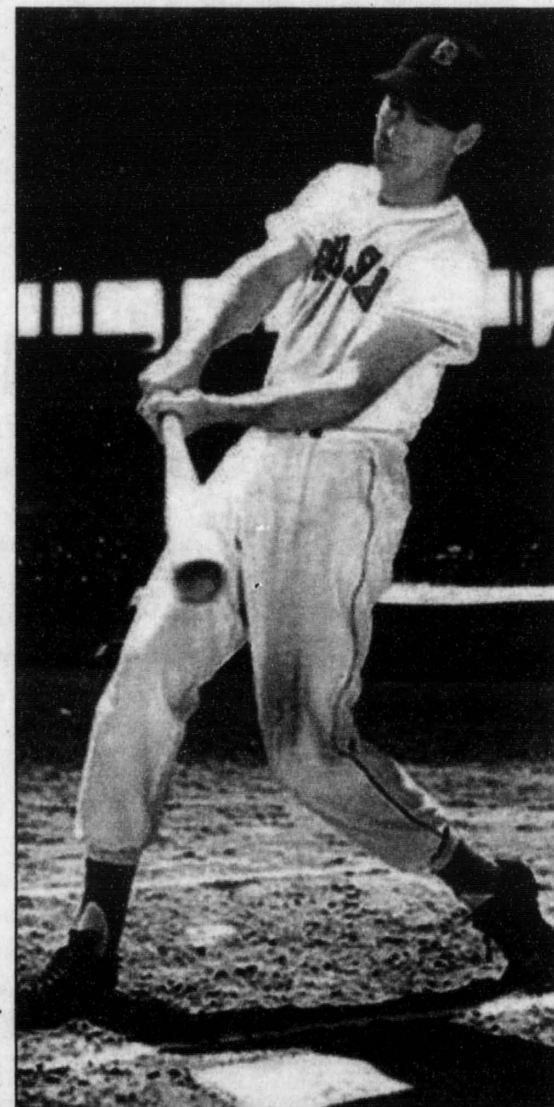


PHOTO FROM WWW.BASEBALLHALLOFFAME.ORG
Ted Williams, one of the most celebrated hitters in the history of baseball, ended his career with 521 home runs, a lifetime batting average of .344, and zero championships.

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PSECU opens today as first bank on campus



PHOTO BY MICHAEL PASTORE

PSECU is the first bank to ever open in an on-campus location.

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

The Pennsylvania State Employees Credit Union located in Lower Manser Hall will be celebrating its Grand Opening today. The ribbon cutting will take place at 10 a.m. and the festivities will continue throughout the day.

After its creation in 1933, the aforementioned credit union is celebrating its 70-year anniversary. In January, Pennsylvania's largest credit union surpassed the \$2 billion mark. Serving over 281,000 members, with assets of over \$2.1 billion, the products and services have grown to accommodate the needs of its members.

PSECU lets their members make their own monetary decisions regarding their account(s) within the credit union. The PSECU mission statement reads, "To continually strive to maintain a progressive and financially stable credit union that gives PSECU

members control over their finances. To provide members with a variety of high quality traditional and innovative financial products and services, which are convenient, reasonably priced and available through self-service delivery channels. To treat members with courtesy and handle their requests in a reliable and efficient manner."

Carl Steingraber is the eCenter Manager for this chapter of PSECU. He recommends that every University student open an account at PSECU. "This truly is the best banking opportunity for the college student," Steingraber said. "Students, faculty, and staff of Mansfield can join and there are no fees to become a member."

New members are welcome to sign up for an account at any time. "Joining is simple and the benefits are high," Steingraber said.

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Renowned Indian musician to perform with MU orchestra

By BRITTANY BALLENSTEDT

Flashlight Writer

The MU Music Department will feature internationally renowned Indian musician, Shafaatullah Khan and the MU Symphony Orchestra on Saturday, November 13, at 8 p.m. in Steadman Theatre.

MU Symphony Orchestra conductor, Dr. Kenneth Sarch, and Khan have collaborated on a world premiere performance of Khan's composition for sitar and symphony orchestra called "River of Strings."

Khan composed the original music for "River of Strings" based on a formal Indian Raga and form. Sarch orchestrated the music to accompany Khan on the sitar. According to Sarch, the collaboration of the Indian and symphony elements gives it a true "East Meets West" approach.

"What an opportunity for our

music students to learn about classical Indian music through participation in a performance, and for the people in our area to hear this unique music played with a symphony orchestra," Sarch said. "I am really pleased that Mr. Khan has chosen the Mansfield Symphony to work with him to premiere this unique and exciting work."

The orchestra will begin the performance with several movements from Scheherazade, a work by Rimsky Korsakov. According to Sarch, this work was inspired by the Arabian Nights tales. This work will feature MU graduate violinist and Concertmaster, Natalie True.

A CD recording of "River of Strings" will be made to promote future performances of the work.

The "East Meets West" concert will also be performed on Friday, November 12 for 500 high

school students. Khan will give a lecture-demonstration on how to learn about Indian culture through its musical traditions.

Khan represents the eighth generation of his renowned family of Indian musicians whose lineage can be traced back over 400 years. He has become one of the most widely known musicians in Indian classical music and has mastered three different instruments: sitar, tabla, and surbahar.

Khan has performed in many of the world's famous cities including the Acropolis in Greece, Royal Albert Hall in London, The Great Hall of the Kremlin in Moscow, the



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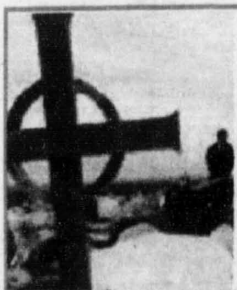
World renowned Indian musician, Shafaatullah Khan, will be performing a premiere composition with the MU Symphony Orchestra this month.

Lincoln Center in New York City, and the Smithsonian in Washington, DC.

His most recent release was a compilation of three CDs entitled "The Rhythms of

Nature" from which he performs on the sitar and surbahar and accompanies himself on the tabla, a first in the history of Indian classical music.

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Today's Weather



Rain with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 44° Low: 36°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather



TODAY

Rain with a 60% chance of precipitation.

High: 44° Low: 36°

FRIDAY

Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 48° Low: 32°

SATURDAY

Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 47° Low: 35°

SUNDAY

Showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 47° Low: 28°

MONDAY

Rain/snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 40° Low: 31°

TUESDAY

Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 41° Low: 32°

WEDNESDAY

Partly cloudy with a 0% chance of precipitation.

High: 44° Low: 33°

Information taken from
www.weather.com

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **The Admissions staff is currently seeking friendly, enthusiastic students to conduct campus tours.** For more information, call Tam Soderberg at 662-4814. Training will be provided. Students interested in conducting tours must be available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Mansfield University Theatre presents *The Misty Recollections*,** an original work by S. Dale Alden at Straughn Auditorium on Nov. 11, 12, 13 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$5, children and seniors will be charged \$4 and Mansfield University students will be charged \$2 with ID.

★ **PRSSA welcomes all majors.** Meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 317 of A.H.U.B. The Public Relations Student Society hopes to give its members insight into how the field of Public Relations works by giving them hands on experience in community and university projects.

★ **Alternative Spring Break Experience?** United Campus Ministry will be taking MU students to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this spring break (March 5-13, 2005). To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

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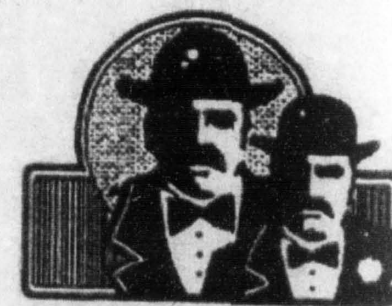
October 17, 2004 - **ILLEGAL DRUG USE** - Olufemi Ogundele, 19, and Marcus Hawkins, 18, were judicially referred to Residence Life for drug usage on campus.

October 19, 2004 - **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** - Kevin Calvert, 18, and Christopher Tribanas, 18, were cited for allegedly burning cardboard causing the Fire Alarm to be activated. The students will also be judicially referred.

October 24, 2004 - **INSTITUTIONAL VANDALISM** - Unknown individual(s) set fire to a trash can in the 5th floor bathroom of Cedarcrest B. The fire caused the fire system to activate, causing the building to be evacuated. This incident is currently under investigation.

Anyone with information concerning these cases, please contact the Mansfield University Police Department at 662-4900.

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The *Washington Post* said that, "Shafaatullah Khan explored the rhythmic intricacies of percussive sound in a way that was both intellectual and poetic...Creator as well as performer."

Sarch is a guest conductor who often works with orchestras in the U.S. and abroad. He has served as associate conductor of the Greater Boston Youth Symphony, the Johnson City (TN) Youth Orchestra, and the Shenandoah Festival Strings. He has also conducted district, regional and state orchestra festivals in several states and has been invited five times to conduct the Panama National Youth Orchestra. He has conducted the String Orchestra of the Jordan National Music Conservatory, Symphony of the Jordan Armed Forces, CMI Youth Orchestra in Brazil, and Santa Cruz Youth Symphony Orchestra in Bolivia. Sarch recently returned from Bolivia where he worked on a six month Fulbright Scholar project to create a new orchestra.

"My feelings about the 'East Meets West' concert are that it is a very interesting combination of eastern & western music," Angie Wilson, orchestra member, said. "I am anxious to see the end result of it because it is such a different combination."

Tickets for the concert are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Tickets for children and senior citizens may be purchased online or by calling (570)662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door. MU students and staff with proper ID will be admitted free.



PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Dr. Kenneth Sarch collaborated with Khan on a world premiere performance called "A River of Strings"

Violence prevention program to be held in schools nationwide

By STEPHANIE DUNN

Special to the Flashlight

Seventy education students received certification in preventing violence in schools at a workshop on Oct. 27.

The highlight of the two-hour workshop was the discussion of the SAVE (Safe Schools Against Violence in Education) program. This program helps identify students at risk and how to safely respond to violence in schools.

The speaker of the workshop was Jim Fox. He is a retired New York City police officer and now trains police officers at the state barracks. Fox also has a background in dealing with school violence situations.

Some warning signs that a child could be violent include; social withdrawal, feelings of isolation, being a victim of violence, and expression of violence in drawings or writings. These feelings can be quite common although, "A child that is at risk has a combination of these warning signs that may create a potentially violent situation," Fox said.

The workshop then led to ways

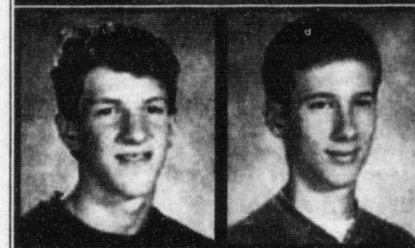


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Columbine has changed the way that Americans view violence in schools.

to help these children after identifying them as potentially violent. Listening to students and taking time to be apart of their lives can help reduce violence. The development of before and after school programs can also aid in keeping

students in a safe environment. The open discussion of alternative ways to vent anger and consequences of their actions can also help students see alternative ways to behave.

As research shows school violence is not a new thing. The situation at Columbine has made schools more aware of the possible threat. The problems start at home. However, schools can have a positive influence on the student while they are at school. This is why many schools require this new certification in the SAVE program.

Contrary to what people believe, "an amount of violent behavior is healthy such as contact sports," Fox said.

Character education concepts and violence prevention programs are both new ways to teach students how to deal with these situations.

The workshop ended with a statistic. "If a child causes you to take a second look go back and investigate. Every three hours an act of violence takes a life of a child. It is worth a second look," Fox said.

Students support those that wish to quit smoking

By LYDIA JOHNSON

Special to the Flashlight and

ERICA HUDOCK

Flashlight News Co-Editor

Pennsylvania Students Working Against Tobacco is an organization that offers programs that help support students who want to quit smoking.

According to the American Cancer Society, there are four crucial components necessary in order to quit smoking. These steps include making the decision to quit, devising a plan, dealing with withdrawal, and remaining tobacco free.

Identifying your reasons for quitting helps in making the final decision to quit. Some common reasons may include improving health, the costs of maintaining the habit can be burdensome, or secondhand smoke to loved ones becomes a concern. Whatever your motives, knowing them will drive motivation.

Planning is a difficult step to quitting, but there are many different ways a person can easily change the habit.

One way is to pick a specific day within the next month as the "quit day." To help you prepare, mark the date on the calendar, tell people who can and will hold you accountable, and stock up on gum, carrot sticks, and hard candy to fight cravings.

Another choice to make would be whether to consider using Nicotine Replacement Therapies (including chewing gum, transdermal patches, nasal spray, inhalers or tablets, that release small amounts of nicotine into your system, thus reducing the intensity of cravings). Some products are available over-the-counter while others require a doctor's prescription.

PASWAT advises that when the "quit day" arrives, all cigarettes should be thrown out along with lighters and ashtrays. Some other key actions to stay

focused on are to stay active by taking the time to walk, drinking plenty of water and juices, starting use of Nicotine Replacement Therapy if you have chosen to utilize that method, and most importantly, avoid situations that bring on the urge to smoke.

During and after quitting, withdrawal symptoms are likely to occur. NRTs are a good way of dealing with such symptoms. It is the psychological symptoms of withdrawal that will take a little more creativity to tackle. Some people may mentally associate smoking with many of your daily activities, such as watching television, driving, or passing leisure time. It will take some time to associate something new with these activities.

In the meantime, there are some strategies that can be used for combating cravings.

If the feeling of a cigarette in your hand is missed, picking up a pencil or a

paperclip can resolve this. The use of toothpicks or cinnamon sticks can be used if you miss the feel of something in your mouth. Taking deep rhythmic breaths, similar to those you'd use during smoking, help to promote relaxation. Eating several small meals to help maintain constant blood sugar levels can also help to prevent urges. Because of the connection between smoking and other activities, altering habits is generally successful. Drinking juice instead of coffee and taking a different route to work are prime examples.

Taking up a hobby that keeps your hands busy, such as knitting or woodworking will also alleviate the want of smoking.

If you do slip and smoke one or even two cigarettes, there is no reason to be discouraged. The worst thing a person can do is be too hard on themselves, according to PASWAT. One slip does not determine complete failure. The way to get back on track is to

remember the reasons for quitting, figure out what went wrong, and make a plan to deal with the trigger that caused the change in course.

Once this is mastered, finding ways to stay motivated, like rewarding yourself by spending the money you would spend on cigarettes or something else, can strongly help keep the long-term goal in mind.

PASWAT meets weekly on Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Maple Conference Room. Anyone is welcome to attend. The team members can provide additional strategies to win the battle with smoking, or just help to keep accountability in order. To receive a free Quit Kit, containing products and information that can help, call the American Institute for Preventive Medicine at 1-800-345-2476. Enter 233 to request your kit.

'PSECU'

Opening an account is free of charge. After joining the credit union, \$5 is added to their savings account. PSECU representatives will give a \$20 Exxon/Mobil gas card to all people creating a new account at the credit union from now until Nov. 12. This union features no delay in the transferring of monies in and out of ones account.

Steingraber feels the greatest advantage PSECU has to offer are the interest rates. "Our interest rates for loans are low and they are high on savings," Steingraber said. "This deal is not just for use while people are in college. We hope that they keep this for the rest of their lives. This is a good plan for mortgaging a home or buying a car."

An obstacle standing in the way of many people is the loyalty to their respective banks. Steingraber understands the concern, but feels

the rewards outweigh the costs. "This is just too good of an opportunity to pass up," Steingraber said. "If I thought it would hurt, I'd say it, but I don't."

A fundraising opportunity is available to any Mansfield University group or organization in order to increase membership at the PSECU. Presentations to interested organiza-

tions explaining the account information are required for the fundraiser. "For every person who joins, PSECU will give the organization \$5," Steingraber said. "It's an easy way to make some money."

Easier access to banking at Mansfield University is a goal of PSECU. "We're working on putting another ATM in the AHUB [Alumni Hall Union Building]," Steingraber said. "Twenty-four hour online banking is also available on our website."

PSECU is online at www.psecu.com.



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News in a flash: News of the Region

By MICHELE PEET
Flashlight Writer

MANSFIELD, Pa. - A fire that occurred at the end of last week on South Main Street was caused by arson according to the Borough Fire Chief James Welch. The house has been unoccupied for two years. No injuries were reported.

BIG FLATS, NY - A new company that is joining the Big Flats area known as General Revenue Corporation will bring more than 200 jobs to the area. The company specializes in student loan services and debt collection.

WELLSBURG, PA - After years of operating on one well, Wellsburg will connect to the Elmira water supply and use the well as a backup if something should go wrong. Now the residents will experience cleaner water.

CORNING, NY - A female applicant to the City of Corning said she was discriminated against

because of her gender. She filed a lawsuit against the City and won. Teresa Tallarida was awarded \$5,000 for her pain and suffering.

HORSEHEADS, NY - Matsushita and Toshiba will end its production at the end of December. The cathode-ray tube manufacturer will lay off 800 workers in order to cease production on that date.

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. - A brick sewer line on the corner of West Third and Hepburn Streets, and a sewer pipe on Church Street collapsed recently causing multiple damages. Third Street closed due to a collapsed manhole and a portion of Court Street also collapsed, creating voids under the roadway that broke the road surface.

Information was taken from www.sungazette.com, www.star-gazette.com, www.the-leader.com, www.WETMtv.com, www.tioga-publishing.com.

What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer

FALLUJA, Iraq - Saturday eight Marines were killed and 8 others injured in a suicide car bomb attack. This is the deadliest single attack in 6 months. The car in the incident was a sports-utility vehicle. The attack happened near Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison outside Zaydan.

SACRAMENTO, California - A man convicted of raping a 13 year-old girl has been released after ten years after a judge allowed DNA evidence. Peter J. Rose was released Friday after DNA tests showed that his genetic make-up did not match that of the rapist. The District Attorney has until January if they want to re-file charges.

PARIS, France - Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat was in Paris Sunday undergoing a third day of medical examinations to determine the extent of his illness. Sources close to the leader said the Arafat reign may be coming to an end, but they also mentioned that he is beginning to feel better.

TOKYO, Japan - Saturday it was confirmed that the headless body that was found belonged to Japanese hostage, Shosei Koda. Koda's captors threatened to behead him if Japan didn't agree to pull their troops out of Iraq; he was kidnapped last Tuesday. Japans Prime Minister sent condolences to his family, and also vowed to stay in Iraq.



GRAND RAPIDS, Michigan - U.S. intelligence officials are examining tapes that threaten more terror attacks, in an attempt to find clues to where the speakers may be hiding. Pictures of the speaker have been posted on the FBI website, officials are hoping people may identify the speaker. U.S. government officials say that the videotapes seem authentic and recent.

AUSTIN, Texas - Sunday a police officer was fun over by her partner after she got out of her car to chase a suspect. Her partner put the car in reverse in an attempt to cut off the suspect but instead struck Amy Donovan. Her partner has been put on leave until the investigation has been finished. Donovan left behind four children.

LANGCHENGANG, China - After rioting between hundreds of members of the Han ethnic majority and Hui muslims killed seven people China called for martial law. As many as 400 - 500 rioters burned houses and fought with sticks and stones. The immediate cause of the violence remains unclear.

HELSINKI, Finland - Threatening information has been received by U.S. Embassies in Northern Europe. Americans living in the Nordic and Baltic regions are being urged to be on alert. Americans are being told to be aware of their surroundings especially in transit areas. This is an unusual warning for Americans in that part of the world.

Information was taken from www.FOXnews.com

SGA Update: New Senators

By BRIANNA STROPE
Special to The Flashlight

Student Government Association (SGA) has been hard at work this semester. SGA would like to welcome newly elected Senators: Erica Constantino, Hannah Franks, and Mark Ewing. There are still four open seats available in Senate. If you are interested please contact Brianna Strobe, in the SGA office at ext. 4984.

To be a senator, you must meet the following requirements as stated in the SGA Constitution ARTICLE V Senate Membership, Section II:

1. Earned a minimum of 12 credits (unless you are a new student as of Fall 2004)
2. Maintain at least a 2.0 our of 4.0 QPA
3. Not have his/her term of one academic year interrupted by graduation, internships, or student teaching assignment.

uation, internships, or student teaching assignment.

SGA would like to notify the President of Organization to check your mailboxes in the Bookstore lobby for more information regarding constitution reviews of your respective organizations.

SGA meetings are held Monday nights at 9:15 p.m. in 317 A.H.U.B.

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Ramadan- a sacred time for Muslims

By BIJAN D MANAVIZADEH

Special to the Flashlight

October 15th marked the beginning of Ramadan, which for over one billion Muslims in the world, including eight million in the United States alone, celebrate the holiest of months of the Islamic lunar calendar. Because the lunar calendar is approximately eleven days shorter than the solar calendar, the month of Ramadan changes each year. Many know of this religious month, moreover, many do not know of its religious significance.

For the many college students that are from this general region, which are raised in quaint, white, Christian towns are not fully accustomed to the Islamic holidays. To many, Islam is just another religion that harbors fundamental terrorists and anti-feminist views, which to begin are just stereotypes. However, on October 15th fell the ninth month of Ramadan, which begins the period of time in attempts to fasting, including introspection, strict worship and prayer, contemplation and charity. It was also in this month, that many Muslims believe that the prophet Mohammad revealed the first verses of the holy book the Koran.

I often find myself, indulged in many questions about Ramadan, however, the one that plagues me the most is of the conditions of fasting. Fasting, known in Arabic as Sawm, is when Muslims from dawn to dusk, do not

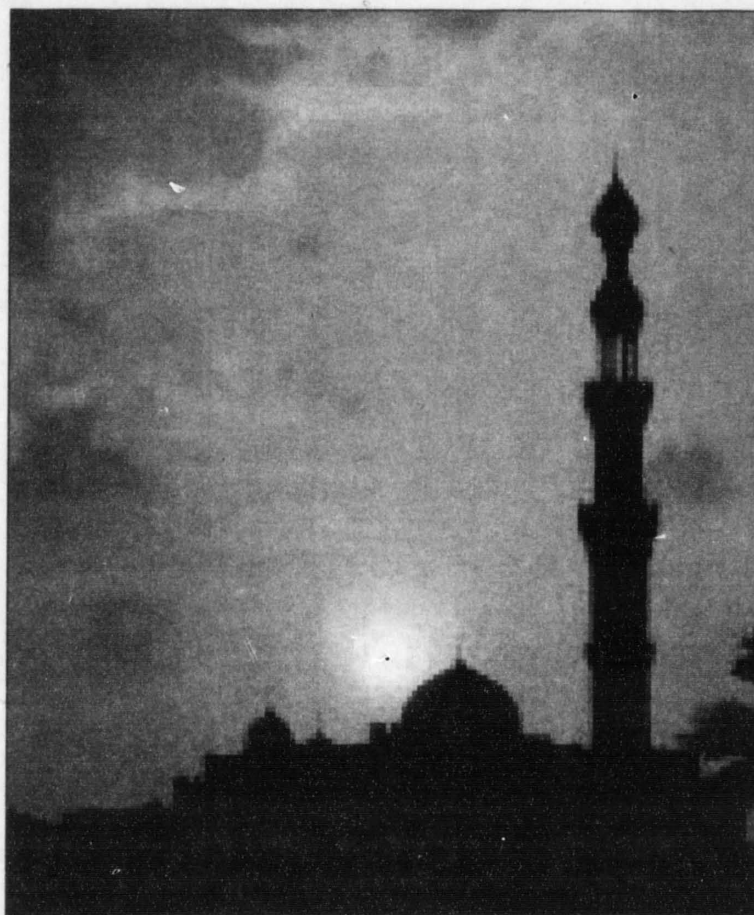


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Ramadan is celebrated by over one million Muslims every year.

eat, drink, nor put liquids or food into their mouths. For those who are not strict, forbidden to Muslims is intoxicating oneself or drinking any form of alcohol during night and day. Fasting also includes chewing gum,

smoking cigarettes or partaking in sexual activity during daylight hours.

For Muslims, the required age to start fasting is when a boy reaches his first ejaculation and when a girl begins to menstruate. However, many families have their children fasting, even praying, before the age of puberty, but it is not enforced. Many families arise before dawn to eat and pray in the early hours of the morning. The fasting is meant to be broken after sunset which a light meal or snack with tea, bread and cheese, is eaten and a larger supper later. This process continues roughly for a month similar to the length of time in the Christian month.

Prayer during this month is mandatory, for Sunnis and Shiites together are supposed to pray the required five times each day, some Shiites, including myself, combine the prayers into three different sets each day. The prayer is not meant to be done in the month of

Ramadan but throughout the year and everyday as well. At a certain time of the day, known as Maghrib, is when the fasting is ended by the third prayer of the day. Many ask me how is it possible that I can do this each day for a month, and my response is tolerance. It is not meant to starve us, if it comes to the point where it is unhealthy, it is meant to be stopped. If one is sick or traveling their fast is morally nullified, yet for each day missed should be made up if possible. In this time of introspect, we learn and are reminded the suffering and the ills of the poor. Throughout and at the end of the month charity is meant to be given to those whom are poor. The poor are not required to fast because they are stricken without food, and not just for one month, throughout the year. And through this, we learn and achieve insight of our brethren whom suffer constantly. Not only do help them, we gain knowledge of their perspective on life.

At the end, a holiday marks the suspension of the fasting. This celebration is known as Eid al-Fitr, where friends and family get together and feast, where gifts are given as well as charity. Leaving off, I hope I have spelled out some answers leaving you with a better understanding of Ramadan as well as the Islamic religion. As we say in Arabic, Ramdan Mubarak, or have a happy blessed Ramadan.

Along with the Ramadan celebration, the Islam religion has 5 duties they must perform: the Five Pillars of Faith

◆ S hahada (affirmation)

The duty to recite the creed:

"There is nothing worthy of worship save Allah, and Muhammad is the Messenger of God"

◆ S alat (prayer)

The duty to worship the One God in prayer five times each day

◆ Z akat (almsgiving)

The duty to distribute alms and to help the needy

◆ S iyam (fasting)

The duty to keep the Fast of Ramadan

◆ Hajj (pilgrimage)

The duty to make the pilgrimage to Mecca at least once in a lifetime

From Russia with love

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

Volgograd is a city of about one million people. Compared to Mansfield, that's huge! There's so much to do and each week we find something new to try.

This week Kendal Stead and I met one of our Russian friends, Oleg at The White Horse. The White Horse is a basement bar/restaurant with live music most weekends.

Saturday night we saw a rapcore band called "Wake Up" play. "Rapcore" was a fairly new term for me and according to Oleg it's a cross between hardcore and rap music. Wake Up had heavy bass lines and the violinist added something unique to their sound. In such a small area as a basement bar, the lead singer had a tendency to get overpowered by the rest of the band however. The lead

singer/ rapper is a woman which is a rarity here. It was an interesting mix of metal and rap but I really enjoyed it.

Sunday night all of the Americans and Ausrians with some of our other friends from the dorm attended a performance of Romeo and Juliet at the theatre downtown.

The theatre is large with marble staircases, professional photos of the actors on the walls and handpainted ceilings. It's a very impressive building and I was lucky enough to have seats close to the stage.

This particular version of Romeo and Juliet was quite interesting. I was told before the show that it is common for director's to use typical sets but to change a lot of the dialogue.

Despite knowing this, I was a little surprised when there was a pool party in the play!

Romeo, Mercutio and Benvoleo were jumping into a hole in the stage where a pool had been placed. The first few rows of the audience would get splashed each time someone jumped in, including yours truly.

All in all it was quite an experience. The music choice for the show left something to be desired but the acting by Mercutio and Benvoleo was very well done.

This weekend is Halloween which most Russians don't really celebrate. I'm hoping to convince my roommate to get dressed up in costume with me and trick or treating or go out somewhere. I imagine that would be quite a spectacle! Next week we'll be going to an organist concert at the music hall by the Volga River, but until then da svidanya!

Flashlight Puzzle page

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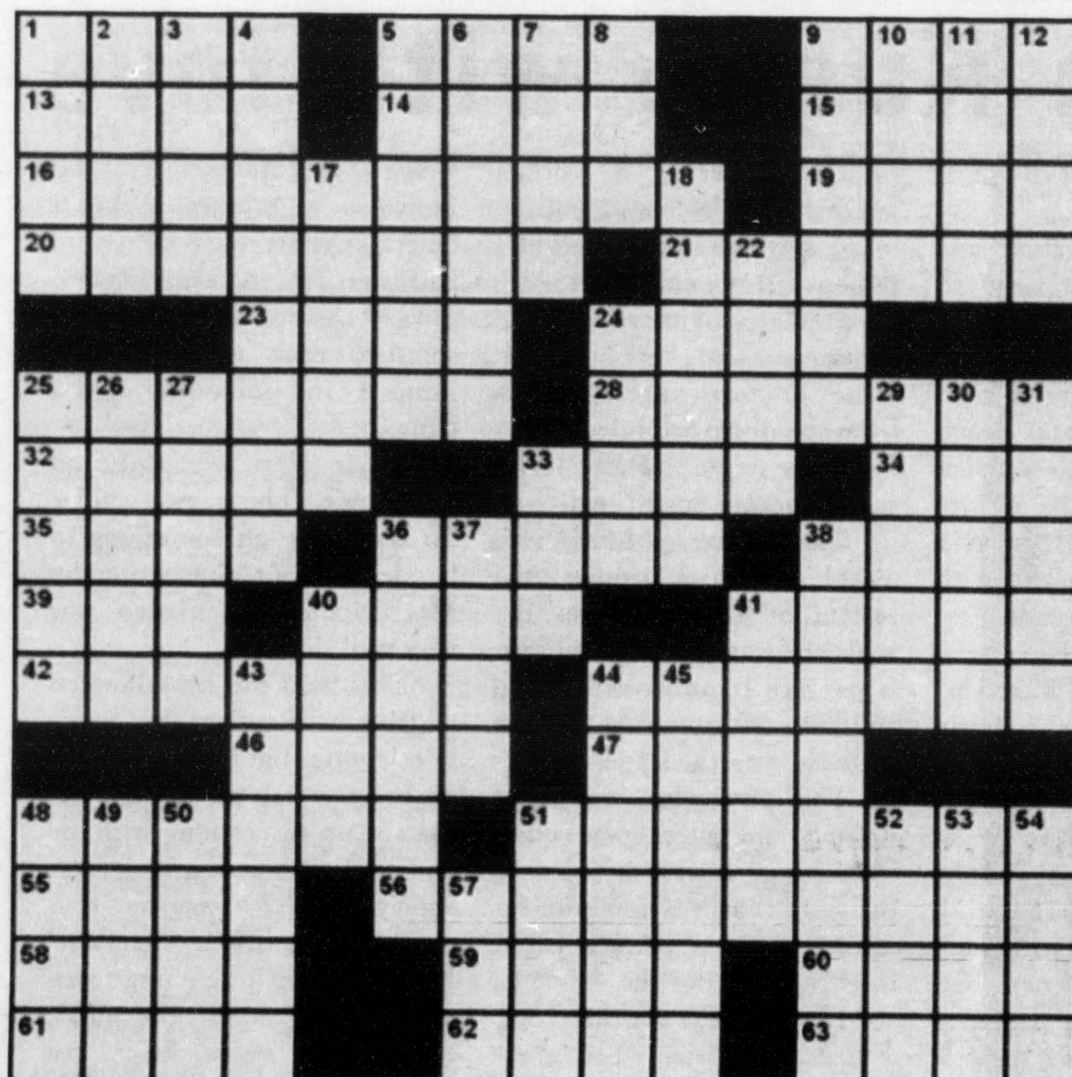
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Across

1. Not he's, but _____
5. Parts of a play
9. Climbing spot for children
13. Daughter of Zeus and Demeter
14. Open jar for flowers
15. St. Louis football team
16. To bring or combine
19. Onerous concern
20. One who flees from battle
21. In no manner
23. Stamp of authenticity
24. Teenager plague
25. Large black diving ducks
28. Being like a sac
32. Famous pitcher _____ Ryan
33. Roadrunners least favorite company
34. Name abbreviation
35. Wild goat
36. Certificate recognized by the payer and payee
38. Corporation abbreviation
39. Haircut popular in the 70's
40. Group of countries in special alliance
41. To take away fat from
42. Manner of performance
44. Not stingy, just _____
46. Box office bomb starring Ben Stiller and Jack Black
47. Ice precipitation, or a greeting
48. To intrude upon

51. The most cockamamie
55. Didn't tell the truth
56. Agent number on "Get Smart"
58. Not out of, but _____
59. Move about aimlessly
60. Wicked smile
61. Immeasurably long period of time
62. Open vessel with a handle and a spout
63. September abbreviation

Down

1. School of fish in the family Carangidae
2. Last plate
3. Shorter time periods than
- 61 Across
4. 7 percent in PA
5. Personification of a familiar idea
6. They have humps
7. Emperor in Russia prior to 1915 (title)
8. Group of things
9. Tool used for spreading plaster
10. Hindu Princess (title)
11. Units for measuring electricity
12. "To be" in Latin
17. Christmas color

18. Live in or as if in a tent
22. Fairy tale opening word
24. Reproductive structure
25. Smell
26. Gi Joe villain
27. Spreads made from vegetable oils
29. Not out but _____, not on but _____ (2 words)
30. Measurement for proportion of gold in an alloy
31. Pessimist thinks half

33. Curved in shape
36. Coarse obnoxious person
37. Small short eared burrowing mammal
38. Overhead upper surfaces
40. To constrict
41. With dry humor
43. To meet a problem directly
44. Take by theft
45. Headgear for a horse
48. Site of the Trojan War
49. Cat has this many lives
50. Vote that blocks a decision
51. Wintertime precipitation
52. Republic in Ireland
53. Small piece
54. Camping shelter
57. Strong emotion

CROSSWORD BY NOAH WOEHLER Flashlight Games Editor

Study Abroad Information Session

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Students unsatisfied with dining service

Meal equivalency and food quality cause concern among students



PHOTO BY MICHAEL PASTORE

Despite a diverse offering, Manser Hall is low on healthy, economic choices.

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Features-Co Editor

Mansfield University Students with meal plans are becoming increasingly disgruntled with university food services. Some issues concerning students include meal plan restrictions, prices, and food quality.

Craig Bomberger, senior, feels that the meal plan conditions, such as when meals can be used and how many meals may be used, are not being publicized well enough for students. "They don't advertise very well," Bomberger said. "The signs are small. They should be larger for students to see. The signs are hidden among others that are

posted near them.

One meal plan condition restricts students to two meals on Saturday and Sunday. Jonathan Schwab, junior, feels this is unfair. "I think that is somewhat unreasonable. Society dictates that we eat three meals per day, so we should be able to," Schwab said.

Other issues concerning students are the portions distributed in Lower Manser. "I think, especially in the breakfast area of Lower Manser, items are very much overpriced," Bomberger said. "You get basically half a cup of cereal and some milk. That's

less than what my four year old niece would eat for breakfast."

Directly related to the quantity of food sold are the prices of Lower Manser products. "When I was a freshman I could get a six inch sub, a bag of chips, and a medium drink for the cost of a meal," Schwab said. "Now, that same meal goes over the allotted amount by approximately \$2."

Ebony Briddell, junior, is not pleased with the food quantities served in Lower Manser. "For all the money you pay for a combo meal in the Sky Ranch Grill you only get a small fry," Briddell said. "You get half a chicken

cheese steak where at a normal restaurant you can get an entire cheese steak for less money. I feel like we are being ripped off."

Students also feel that they are not able to use meals they have already paid for. Most meal plans dictate that students may only use three meals per day. If students miss meals, they may not always have the chance to use them at a later time because of this restriction. Nikki Hicks, freshman, believes that students should be allowed to use all of their meals at any given time throughout the week. "I think you should be able to use meals when you want," Hicks said. "I hate that we can't."

Hicks, a transfer student from Lock Haven, claims that food services were more reasonable there. "At Lock Haven they had meal equivalency in every area including the grill, sub station, and pizza station."

Meal equivalency, a suggested item combination equivalent to the cost of a meal, was offered in the past in the pizza and sub areas of Lower Manser. It is now restricted to pre-made sandwiches, salads, and breakfast items.

Caleb Paladin, senior, is discontented with the current meal equivalency situation. "On the weekends, nothing goes on a meal," Paladin said. "I feel like I have less choices."

Greg Alfree of Sodexo food services, the corporation associated with Manser dining, suggests students need to choose a meal plan that will suit their needs. "Students should know

their lifestyle and plan accordingly," Alfree said.

The quality of food in the Manser main dining hall remains to be a matter of student distress. Natoshia Shade, sophomore, is unhappy with the food offered in the dining hall. "The food they serve is always cold. I was up there at noon today and the fettuccini was like ice," Shade said. "I am sick of cold food and we pay a lot for it."

Students interested in nutrition will begin to see more healthy options in the Manser dining hall soon with the promotion of a new program, *Mind, Body, and Soul*. "We're trying to educate people to balance their lifestyle with fitness and nutrition," Alfree said. "There is literature available for them to read. The program has gone into effect already and will last until the end of this school year."

Manser will also begin to carry a variety of new nutritious items in the near future. "Vegan, Vegetarian, Carb friendly and low balanced meals will be marked as implemented upstairs," Alfree said. "A lot of the Sandella's offerings meet these characteristics. We list all nutritional information at Sandella's."

Students with concerns regarding university food services should contact a Residence Hall Council member. Hall council representatives attend food service meetings at 5:45 p.m. every other Tuesday in the Meal Plan Office.

Violence prevention certification awarded to MU Students

By STEPHANIE DUNN

Special to the Flashlight

Seventy education students received certification in preventing violence in schools at a workshop on Oct. 27, 2004.

The highlight of the two-hour workshop was the discussion of the SAVE (safe schools against violence in education) program. This program helps identify students at risk and how to respond safely to violence in schools.

The speaker of the workshop was

Jim Fox. He is a retired New York City police officer and now trains police officers at the state barracks. Fox also has a background in dealing with school violence situations.

Some warning signs that a child could be violent include; social withdrawal, feelings of isolation, being a victim of violence, and expression of violence in drawings or writings. These feelings can be quite common although, "A child that is at risk has a combination

of these warning signs that may create a potentially violent situation," Fox said.

The workshop then led to ways to help these children after identifying them as potentially violent. Listening to students and taking time to be apart of their lives can help reduce violence. The development of before and after school programs can also aid in keeping students in a safe environment. The open discussion of alternative ways to vent anger and consequences of their actions can also help stu-

dents see alternative ways to behave.

As research shows school violence is not a new thing. The situation at Columbine has made schools more aware of the possible threat. The problems do start at home yet schools can have a positive influence on the student while they are at school. This is why many schools require this new certification in the SAVE program.

Contrary to what people believe, "an amount of violent behavior is healthy such as contact sports," Fox said.

Character education concepts and violence prevention programs are both new ways to teach students how to deal with these situations. For more information in these areas see www.earlyintervention.com, www.hurt-free-character.com, www.ed.gov. The workshop ended with a statistic. "If a child causes you to take a second look go back and investigate. Every three hours an act of violence takes a like of a child. It is worth a second look," Fox said.

Cd Review: *Pressure Chief*, Cake

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Alternative rockers Cake released their fifth album *Pressure Chief* on Oct. 18. Their first album in three years, *Pressure Chief* lives up to the funky, horn playing standards the Northern California band's best known for.

"Wheels," arguably the most Cake-esq. tune on the album, is suitably placed as track one, setting the standard high for the band's new release. Although "Wheels" is clearly a standout track on the album, Cake fans looking for deep lyrical content will surely be disappointed by the simple words. Song lyrics from the chorus line, "Wheels keep on spinning round....," are an obvious metaphor for an old phrase best put by the Beatles, "Life goes on." Track 2, "No Phone," the first single, raises the Cake dance fac-

tor from yellow to orange. This super electronic tune lays down a beat perfect for any party. Unfortunately, "No Phone" keeps with the lyrically dense trend of *Pressure Chief* chorus lines. Lyrics, "No phone, no phone, I just want to be alone today," are much too straightforward. The emo kids of the world are crying over this trite description of feelings.

The later tracks of *Pressure Chief* include a variety of sounds and styles ranging from the vintage sounds of the 60s in "Carbon Monoxide" to the acoustic cover of Bread's "The Guitar Man." Lyrics standout on "Dime," which is easily a contender for best song on the album. "Dime's" sorrowful lyrics, "I'm a dime. I'm fine and I shine. I'm freshly minted. I'm silver plated. I'm underrat-

ed. You won't even pick me up because I'm not enough for a local phone call," are the type of heart-wrenching lyrics expected from front man and lyricist John McCrea.

Overall, fans will not be disappointed with Cake's fifth release.

Pressure Chief

fits well into the Cake released their first album in 1994.

family of Cake

albums with the band's traditional sound.



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Cake's recently launched tour will be on Dec. 7 at the Starland Ballroom in Sayreville, NJ. travel to the east coast for only a few shows. The closest to Mansfield

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LASO attends Latino Coalition

By YORELIS MILLAYES

Flashlight writer

The Latin American Student Organization (LASO) attended the 9th annual Pennsylvania State Latino Coalition Conference October 21-23 at Adam Marks Hotel in Philadelphia, PA. Activists from throughout Pennsylvania's Latino communities came together to develop an organization that would be an advocate voice and an organizing tool for Latinos in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

This year's conference theme was "Recordando el pasado, para mejorar el futuro" "Remembering our past, to improve our future". Distinguished Latino Artists were

invited, and Jimmy Jorge and the Latin Express as well as Raúl Acosta y Su Orquesta Oro Sólido participated in the event. There was a youth night where Grupo Fuego performed and there were workshops that taught individuals how to dance Salsa.

The most informative workshops were the "Latinos and the Elements of Power" along with "The Bilingual Demand". Both of these workshops targeted issues that, as Hispanic minority students, LASO felt were important.

LASO members are looking forward to attend next year's 10th Annual PSLC conference that will be held next year in Harrisburg, PA.



PHOTO BY YORELIS MILLAYES

Mansfield students were in attendance at the Pennsylvania Statewide Latino Coalition on October 21-23.

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



Captain's blog: Looking for news in all the wrong places

By THERESA BENNER
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Blog: a personal Web site that provides updated headlines and news articles of other sites that are of interest to the user, also may include journal entries, commentaries and recommendations compiled by the user; also written web log, Weblog; also called blog. (www.dictionary.com)

I've always viewed blogs (LiveJournal, Xanga, Blogger, etc.) as being the supersized version of the instant message profile; the ideal way to live your life vicariously through the rants and raves of others online. But unbeknownst to me, blogging has become a "legitimate" source for daily news. Gone are the days of the blog being a simple way to spy on your friends and catch up on gossip, blogging is now big business. With political analysts and figures writ-

ing their own blogs or hiring others to write for them, the blogging bandwagon seems to be overflowing with the nations opinion leaders, whether or not they have any credentials to back up their opinions whatsoever. Many blogs are even getting enough hits to generate revenue for advertising.

The problem with this lies within the definition of "blog" itself. According to the definition provided by dictionary.com a blog can consist of headlines, news articles, journal entries, and/or commentaries, but who is to know what is a legitimate report and what is merely a commentary. Blogs, much like most internet sources, are not subject to the same standards of professionalism that many other forms of news media are.

I'm not trying to belittle blogs as much as I am trying to remind you all to think critically about information found online. Granted,

a lot can be said in regards to blogs being an excellent form of expression that is accessible to nearly everyone. Blogging could very easily be looked at as a "right of reply", allowing anyone to address society and the media without the complications of being published elsewhere or the hassles of starting your own website. Being a journalist, I don't ever tend to support any suppression of free speech, so by all means keep blogging.

It just concerns me to see that news channels, including CNN and MSNBC, are beginning to cover the "blog beat", reporting on what's being said in blogs and not specifying as to whether or not the information is factual. Just because reality TV has scrapped professional actors in exchange for the average Joe, news media shouldn't ditch professional journalists for 5e><ySk8er420's weekly political shoutouts.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Is blogging a legitimate source for world news?

Should news media refer to blogs in their reports?

E-mail your thoughts on this to flashopinions@yahoo.com

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Confessions of a slacker: I do my group work

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

Before I continue, I would like to establish my credentials as somebody who likes to slack. I realize that what is about to ensue will surely cause me to lose all credibility as a serious writer and student. Hopefully the fact that I'm being honest will outweigh what I am being honest about.

Having said that, I will now continue to admit that I like to miss class. Sometimes I miss class because I'm late and it's raining outside. Other times, I miss many classes because I missed one class earlier in the day, and I'm afraid of running into that professor. I don't like to do homework.

I do not recommend doing this. All of these behaviors have adversely affected my grades at some point in my academic career, and like a recovering addict, I sometimes fall off and climb back on the wagon of

applying myself. Whether or not this is my fault completely I cannot be sure of, in fact, going back all the way to elementary school I was prone to slacking off, so much so that in Mrs. Chodubski's fourth grade class when we had to write sentences for all of our spelling words, I would frequently hand in ten sentences consisting of "I don't know what to write for the word X." I cannot help this behavior, it's in my blood. Somewhere in my formative years I did absolutely nothing and got wonderful grades for it; since then, I've been a wreck and only really apply myself if my fickle interest has been piqued.

Having established myself as a true, full blooded slacker, there are two things that I have never done in my academic lifetime. First, I have never cheated on an exam or paper. Slacking does not necessarily denote a moral bankruptcy or lack of integrity. If I have not

done an assignment or prepared enough for a test, I am willing to accept the consequences of my actions. I would rather turn nothing in than turn in something that is not original to me, or the group of students I was lumped in with for any random class.

This brings me to my point: regardless of how much class I miss, or how many microeconomics quizzes I don't study for, I am always prepared when I have to do group work. Why is this my point? Why am I taking the time (nearly 28 hours after official Flashlight deadline) to write this long-winded, self-effacing ode to laziness only to point out that I do actually complete any group work that is assigned to me?

The reason for this is that my head exploded and my brain let out a brief spark before shriveling into a sublime rage this week when out of a group of seven students, only I

and one other person managed to read the three pages that were assigned for our group discussion.

The assignment was a simple one, read an essay and compare it to the author's poetry to figure out how the themes of the essay were also featured in his other work. Great, sure it might be a raging mental hemorrhoid to have to read what he has to say, but somehow I managed to scrounge up enough motivation to read a whopping three pages and be prepared for a discussion. Yet upon arrival to class for the aforementioned discussion, lo and behold nobody else has read and the two of us who have are now forced to carry the entire group, because any one of us will be chosen at random to present what lofty conclusions our well-informed collective has come up with.

Why do I, after taking great pains to do as well as possible with minimal applied effort, make sure

to be prepared for group work? I do this because as a member of any group what you choose or choose not to do will affect many other people. Thus, it is a matter of consideration and correctness; it is a social responsibility to do your part so that others don't suffer. Therefore, I can slack until I'm blue in the face if I want to, because it only affects me and my grades, but if I choose to not participate when the success of other people is riding on me, then I have personally wronged another individual.

If you do not do your group work you are a parasite. If you do not do your group work you are not only jeopardizing your own academic success, but the success of others who might actually give a crap about how they do. In other words, don't be a dick; do your work, and don't forget to turn off your cell phone.

MU UPDATES

Carleton named Director of Human Resources at MU-

Dia Carleton of Tioga, PA has been named director of human resources at Mansfield University.

In making the announcement Michael Reid, vice president for finance and administration at MU, said, "Dia Carleton brings a tremendous amount of experience and education to the department of human resources. Her experience in managing the human resources of a 2,300 employee, multi-national corporation and her formal education and background in employment law will be an excellent strength and resource to Mansfield University."

Carleton comes to MU after spending the last eight years as an employee relations, labor and legal consultant for several companies. Before that she served four years as chief administrative officer for Superior Propane Inc. in Oak Brook, IL and two years as director/manager of administrative services for Skelgas Propane Inc., also in Oak Brook. She also served as associate general counsel for Synergy Group Inc. in Farmington, NY and practiced law for firms in Garden City and Babylon, NY during her career.

Carleton holds a B.A. in Psychology/Sociology from Albright College and her Juris Doctor from Syracuse University College of Law. She is a graduate of Williamson H.S.

MU Gallery Hosting Exhibit by Dan Welden-

"Works on Paper," an exhibition of prints by Dan Welden, will be on display at the Mansfield University Gallery through December 10.

Welden developed the solarplate technique of printmaking in 1972 and co-authored, with Pauline Muir, the book *Printmaking in the Sun*. His mono-prints, solar plate prints and woodcuts are exhibited and collected nationally and internationally.

Helen Harrison, director of the Pollack-Krasner House and Study Center in East Hampton, NY, says of his work, "Dan Welden's art is founded in his ability to see beneath the surface, to go beyond appearances, and to invent a means of communicating those insights." Welden will lead a workshop in the MU Art Department on Friday, November 5, 1-4 p.m. An opening and artist's talk will take place at 7 p.m. in the University Gallery.

Letter: Response to 'Convictions'

Dear Editor,

After reading last week's letter titled *Vote Based on Your Convictions, Not Your Professors* I felt the need to respond. Maybe I'm speaking for myself when I say; I did not base my voting decision on what my professors said in class. I'm a 23yr old college senior with a mind of my own.

I do think that it is great that celebrities are getting involved with politics. I think that it motivates young people to vote. I don't think that young people are influenced on whom to vote for based on what P. Diddy has to say. I turn on MTV and I'm watching a show and all of a sudden it's interrupted by Tony Hawk talking about voting. I look at that and I think it's awesome. I think that these celebrities are doing great things by taking time to educate young people and getting them to vote or at the very least register to vote.

People like Michael Moore are different. They are presenting one sided facts. When you watch a Michael Moore documentary you have to watch it and take what he says with a grain of salt. I would also hope that watching a single movie wouldn't completely influence

your voting decision. The students who were given extra credit to see the screening of *"Fahrenheit 9/11"* didn't have to go if they didn't want to. Many people are curious about the documentary. I'm one of those people, yet I won't view the film till after elections.

As far as the end of your letter I only have one thing to say. You claim that professors and celebrities are pushing their thoughts about who to vote for in the minds of students. I sit here and read the end of your letter and read nothing but pro-Bush/anti-Kerry remarks. I would think that those remarks are in a way pushing thoughts into the minds of students as to who to vote for. One of the most important things to remember is to have your facts straight when you verbally bash.

I'm a Kerry/Edwards supporter but I will not lower myself to verbally bash President Bush. I will however say this; whoever wins is the best for the position. I'll look back on this reply after finding out who won the elections and I honestly will feel even more proud to have voted based on my decision because like every other person on this campus, I have a mind of my own.

Jenn Magnussen



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The Boston Red Sox shock the world at the expense of two elite baseball teams to end an 86 year drought

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Sports Editor

This promise goes out to all of the people kind enough to read *The Flashlight*; this will be the last editorial I write regarding the Boston Red Sox and their historic championship run.

It took 86 years to accomplish this feat, but they did it. Moreover, they did it well. After all the bad luck the Sox had since the sale of George Herman "Babe" Ruth, I do not believe the championship could have been earned in a better fashion. Sure, they were not 11-1 like the 1999 New York Yankees; they were 11-3. An 11-3 record is still quite impressive.

Three losses. The three losses, attributed to the aforementioned Yankees in the American League Championship Series, began a cloud of conversation concerning another year wasted and brought back another episode of the dreaded "Curse of the Bambino." And after a game three manhandling of the Sox by a score of 19-8 moving the series to 3-0 Bombers advantage, who can honestly say the off-season thoughts regarding adding the missing piece to the championship puzzle did not cross their mind? However, the Red Sox were only waiting for the dramatics as they came back and achieved the unthinkable; becoming the first team in MLB history to come back from an 0-3 deficit and win a seven

game series.

Ask any Boston fan out there this question; "Would you have rather had Boston sweep the Yanks, or leave the results untouched?" I would be willing to bet that you could count the number of people willing to change the series on one hand. The only thing sweeter to a Red Sox fan than handing a devastating loss to the long-time rivals in the Yankees is a World Series ring. Oh. Well, they got that too.

The newly crowned AL Champs took on the National League Champions and baseballs best team all season, St. Louis Cardinals. The Cardinals featured one of the most feared line-ups in recent years. Nevertheless, the Sox swept the birds in four games to take their first title in nearly nine decades.

The heart of the St. Louis order, Albert Pujols, Jim Edmonds and Scott Rolen might have been better assets to the team by cheering from the bench. In fact, that was the most beneficial thing they did on the offensive side of play anyway.

The trio of Pedro Martinez, Curt Schilling and Derek Lowe completely shut down one of base-

balls best offensive squads as they held the Cardinals to three runs in the final three games, including a shutout in the series deciding game of the series.

Winning eight in a row is an incredible feat in post-season play, no matter the sport. However, baseball fans should not be surprised by the Red Sox stellar performance?



PHOTO BY AP/MICHAEL DWYER

Manny Ramirez, Boston Red Sox left fielder was the recipient of this years World Series Most Valuable Player award. He batted .412 (7-for-17) in the Series.

For the last few seasons, Boston has featured one of the strongest producing offenses in the Major Leagues. Even with the loss of franchise player, shortstop Nomar Garciaparra, the heavy-hitting tandem of left fielder, Manny Ramirez and first baseman and designated hitter, David Ortiz still managed to hit 84 homeruns and

drive in 169 runners throughout the course of the 2004 regular season.

Six of Boston's nine starters had a batting average of at least .294, including Garciaparra's mid-season replacement, Orlando Cabrera.

The offense was not the only thing guiding the Red Sox to the eventual World Series crown. Let us not forget the men who dominated the mound for most of the season. Schilling, who ended his 2004 campaign with a record of 21-6 and a 3.26 earned run average, makes a solid case for the CY Young award in his first year with a new club, in a new league.

Another new face in the Boston clubhouse is closing pitcher, Keith Foulke. Foulke was masterful this year as he collected 32 saves while fanning 79 batters and maintaining a 2.17 era.

Perhaps the only weak spot in Boston's repertoire was their defense. However, thanks to the

youngest General Manager in the history of the league, and perhaps one of the most talented, Theo Epstein, the right moves were made at the trading deadline and the glove work was quickly improved. Cabrera came from the Montreal Expos, where he escaped another train wreck of a season in Canada and Minnesota

Twins Gold Glove first baseman Doug Mientkiewicz came to the aide of the slumping Sox.

Just as the 105-game winning Cardinals were baseballs best at the All-Star break, the Red Sox were one of the most dominant teams during the second half of the season. I guess it was only fitting that the two powerhouses from each half of the season were to square off for the Series championship.

It may not mean much to the Boston Red Sox, but this writer apologizes for doubting the teams' abilities. After all, when I picked my playoff predictions in early August, the Red Sox were not even on my bracket.

I feel as if I collected almost as much joy in the Yankees defeat at the hands of the Sox, as an average Boston fan. Being a New York Mets fan is incredibly difficult at times, especially when the Bronx Bombers are bombing away their opposition. I know my team is statistically worse than the Yankees in nearly every category year in and year out. However, I have been able to deal with that.

How does the average Yankee fan react to the mention of the miraculous Boston come back? "What happened in game three?" I have but one thing to say to Yankee fans everywhere; in the words of Mike Shelp, a beloved Boston fan, "It doesn't matter because Boston is wearing the ring."

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The Flashlight Sports "Question of the Week"

Which is the greatest upset in professional sports?

Pistons 4, Lakers 1; 2004 NBA Finals

"Miracle" Mets 4, Orioles; 1969 World Series

N.Y. Jets 68, Baltimore Colts 24; Super Bowl III

Red Sox 4, Yankees 3; 2004 ALCS

Buster Douglas over Mike Tyson; Boxing

This Week In Sports: New England Patriots; 21 and done

By TED MINNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

After week eight in the National Football League season there is only one undefeated team remaining. It would be unfair not to note that the Philadelphia Eagles are the only remaining unbeaten, at 7-0, the best start in franchise history. The main story, though, is that the New England Patriots have finally lost a football game. Before this weekend the Patriots had not lost since September of 2003.

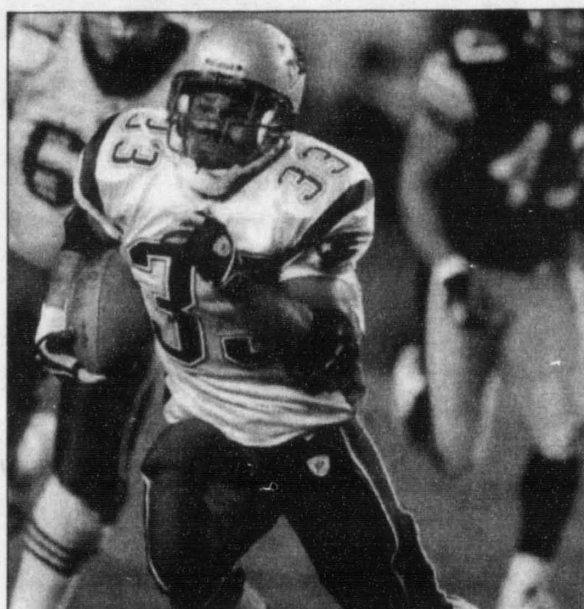
The 21-game unbeaten streak was the longest in NFL history. The 21 games include the playoffs, but even the 18-game regular season streak ties the longest in regular season history. What the Patriots have done over the last year has been more than impressive. They have come to play everyday and have given 110 percent for their team. Before this season began, New England only had one or two "star" players. Outside of Tom Brady and Ty Law, the Patriot team was just that, a team. The addition of running back Corey Dillon before the season raised many eyebrows. People wondered whether or not Dillon was a team player who would fit in with his new teammates. Winning quieted Dillon's antics and mouth, and he became exactly the type of runner New England was looking for. With everything in place many wondered when New England would lose.

Ironically, the Patriots first loss may have been due in part that Dillon was not playing. Also without cornerback Ty Law for most of the game, New England just had too much to overcome. Their loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers was not supposed to be the story. The story was supposed to be the great New England defense handing rookie quarterback Ben Roethlisberger his first NFL loss. A steady run attack and Roethlisberger's veteran presence ended up being too much for a banged up New England defense.

As a whole though, the Patriots were flat out beaten. The Steelers defense was able to put a lot of pressure on Brady, especially after they learned Dillon would not be playing. The Steelers pressured Brady all afternoon and made him look like the rookie. In all, Brady was sacked four times, fumbled once and was intercepted twice. Linebacker Joey Porter led the way for Pittsburgh with eight tackles and three sacks.

Whether or not you were happy to see the Patriots finally lose, their streak was impressive. In a day when teams with barely .500 records make the playoffs, the Patriots had not lost in over a year. Their 21 game unbeaten streak goes all the way back to Oct. 5,

2003 when they defeated the Tennessee Titans, by eight points. The 18-game regular season unbeaten streak tied these Patriots with the 1933-34 Chicago Bears and the 1997-98 Denver Broncos.



AP PHOTO/KEITH SRAKOCIC
New England back-up running back, Kevin Faulk rushed for four yards on five carries as the Patriots 21-game win streak was snapped.

As much as the streak was discussed, one would think the Patriots never even came close to losing before this weekend. This is just not true. No matter the score of the game, analysts never seemed to state just how close the Patriots came to losing. The Pat's only won eight of their 21 games by 10 points or more. In fact, they only won 10 games by seven points or more, and had to go to overtime to win two games. Some will say "a

win is a win," and yes I agree, but it's not like the Patriots were blowing teams out of the water. Their extreme dominance seems to be created more by the media than by their play on the field.

One example of a game they almost lost was against the Miami Dolphins on Oct. 19, 2003 (the third game of the streak). A blocked field goal late in the game was the only thing that gave New England any chance in overtime. Then in overtime, Brady hooked up with Troy Brown for an 82-yard touchdown. It's not like the Patriots really drove on the Miami defense in overtime, they just got lucky on a deep ball.

Another example was against the Houston Texans on Nov. 23, 2003 (the seventh game of the streak). Of all teams, it was the Texans who were able to hang with the Pat's. If it wasn't for an outstanding game from running back Kevin Faulk, who had 80 rushing yards and over 100 yards receiving, the young Texans may have pulled off the upset. Again in overtime, a twenty-eight-yard field goal from Adam Vinatieri gave the Patriots the win.

Even as recently as this season a team almost stopped the streak. In the first game of the 2004 NFL Season, the Patriots hosted the Indianapolis Colts. On Sept. 9, these teams hooked up in Foxboro.

The teams traded scores for most of the game until a late drive by the Colts stalled and they were forced to attempt a 48-yard field goal. Unfortunately for the Colts and their fans, the kicked sailed wide right and the Patriots held on for the win. This was nothing new for the Colts though, as they had now lost five straight and 13 of the last 15 games against the Patriots. As you can see, there were quite a few times when the streak almost ended.

Now that the streak is over, how will the Patriots respond? It's hard to remember how to rebound from a loss after not suffering defeat in over a year. I wonder how the Patriots players felt leaving the field. Shocked? Confused? Happy about not having to talk about it any more?

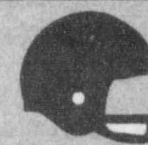
I do not know how the Patriots will respond. History tells me this though; Bill Belichick always has his team prepared and ready to play, no matter what happened the week before.

They will have another tough task ahead of them though, as they head into St. Louis. The Rams currently have the sixth-ranked offense in the league and have only lost once at home this year.

There is no doubt that the Patriots loss has taken some of the mystique away from them. It will be interesting to see how teams around the league respond. Only time will tell for sure though.

This Week In Mountie Sports

	Thursday 11/4	Friday 11/5	Saturday 11/6	Sunday 11/7	Monday 11/8	Tuesday 11/9	Wednesday 11/10
Cross Country			East Regional at IUP 11 a.m.				
Swimming			at Lock Haven University 11 a.m.				
Football			East Stroudsburg 1 p.m. (Senior Day)				



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Mountaineer swim team loses a close one to Bloomsburg

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer
and

MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield University women's swimming team, led by junior Andrea Popovic and sophomore Daniella Borrelli, put in a tough effort against Bloomsburg University on Oct. 30 in Decker Gymnasium, but fell short of the victory 138-98.

Popovic swam strong in the 500-yard freestyle, winning in a time of 5:44.00. Popovic also took first in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:33.06. Freshman Stephanie Klegarth finished right behind Popovic in second place in 2:35.43. Junior Melissa Recchiuti finished third with a time of 2:48.14.

Popovic not only won two events, she also shattered last weekends mark. "It felt really good to win 500-yard freestyle

and 200-yard individual medley," Popovic said. "I was excited when I saw that I dropped 15 seconds from last weekend. We are practicing hard and the work is slowly showing, which is a good thing because our best times are to come during IUP [Indiana University of Pennsylvania] Invitational."

Popovic was disappointed with Saturday's loss. "The loss to Bloomsburg was tough," Popovic said. "Bloomsburg has a great team and really good swimmers, but also very important advantage was number of swimmers that they have on the team. They have close to 30 girls, and we have 13."

Although disappointed with the outcome, Popovic remains positive regarding the teams' future. "Success is in the near future for Mansfield," Popovic said. "Our disadvantage is always a small number of swimmers

on the team, but hopefully that will change soon. I think that we will have more people to qualify for PSACs [Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference] this year, and that is a big improvement."

With young swimmers entering the pool, the Mountaineers may have the pieces to the puzzle of success. "The team does look stronger. We have some good freshmen who came this year," Popovic said. "My expectations for the team this year are to win more meets than last year, and to have more people qualify for the PSACs."

Borrelli took first in the 100-yard freestyle with a winning time of 1:06.80. Klegarth took a first in the 200-yard breaststroke, with Recchiuti finishing second. The 400-yard freestyle relay team of sophomore Abbe Tipton, freshman Maureen Maikner, junior Kelsey Hogan, and

Borrelli took first with a time of 4:10.10.

Freshman Kristine VanDuzer finished second behind Popovic in the 500-yard freestyle at 6:06.61. Maikner finished third in the 100-yard breaststroke, as did Borrelli in the 50-yard freestyle. The 200-yard medley relay team of Tipton, Klegarth, Borrelli, and Popovic also took third with a time of 2:01.31.

The Mountaineers will compete at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Lock Haven University.

"On Saturday, we can expect very interesting meet because Lock Haven has smaller team as we do," Popovic said. "But we will have to give our best because those girls are fast, and also very good swimmers. I think it is going to be a close meet."



SPORTS INFORMATION

The Mansfield University Mountaineer swim team lost their meet to the Huskies of Bloomsburg University on Saturday. Andrea Popovic and Daniella Borrelli each won events held at Decker Gymnasium.

Cummings and Learn place high for the Mansfield University Mountaineers at the PSAC Championship meet at Kutztown



SPORTS INFORMATION

Mansfield University star athletes, junior Charity Learn (right) and sophomore Chris Cummings (left) earned top spots for the Mountaineer cross-country team at the PSAC Championship meet.

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University Cross Country teams competed at the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference Championship meet on Saturday, Oct. 30 at Kutztown University. Each team provided one All-PSAC finisher. Sophomore Chris Cummings placed sixth in the men's race while Charity Learn finished seventh in

the women's competition.

Cummings ran a time of 26:04, finishing only two seconds out of fifth place, as he picked up his second All-PSAC honor in as many years. Learn picked up her seventh place finish with a time of 23:06, as she finished only four seconds away from fourth. Seventh place was good enough for Learn to

secure her third consecutive All-PSAC honor.

Head Coach Michael Rohl expressed his pleasure with the races run by both Learn and Cummings. "I'm very excited for each of them," Rohl said. "They both ran very strong races." Numerous other runners also contributed for the Mounties at the meet.

Richard Correll was the second member of the men's team to complete the course, placing no. 59 with a time of 28:09. Dave Neal (87), Seth Tucker (93), Kyle McClinton (94) and Ben Israel (95) also posted top 100 results for the Mountaineers.

Robyn Ireland was the next best finisher for the women's team, as she placed 56 with a time of 26:04. Jenna Phillips came in soon after Ireland, finishing 64 with a time of 26:21. In addition, posting top 100 results for the Mountaineers were Erin Salley (85), Jamie Sweitzer (99) and Damalla Hayward (100).

Rohl cited a few of the lesser-known runners who had standout races. "On the men's side Richard

Correll and Dave Neal both ran strongly," Rohl said. "For the women, Robyn Ireland and Jenna Phillips each ran spectacular races. They really stepped up."

The men's team finished eleventh overall with an average time of 28:31 while the women's team placed tenth with an average time of 26:53. Rohl said he had hoped each

team would finish in tenth place, but cited a strong performance by Clarion on the men's side as what forced the men's team to come up just short of their goal.

Mansfield next competes in the East Regional meet where the Mountaineers will attempt to qualify for the Nov. 20 national meet. The East Regional meet will

Thursday, November 11, 7:30pm
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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2004

Mansfield University loses to Millersville 35-14 and drops to 1-8 as the season approaches a close

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team suffered their eighth loss on the season as they fell 35-14 to Millersville on Oct. 30 at Karl Van Norman Field.

The Marauders jumped out to a 35-0 first half advantage and never looked back. Millersville improved to 5-4 on the season and 3-2 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East while Mountaineers of Mansfield slipped to 1-8 overall and 1-4 in the PSAC East with the loss.

Millersville wasted no time getting an early lead. The Marauders took the opening kickoff and drove 68 yards for a touchdown. Running back Juan Jones finished off the drive with a 25-yard scoring run. After Mansfield went three plays and out on their first series, Millersville set forth on another long drive. The Mounties were able to keep the Marauders off the scoreboard though when a 22-yard field goal attempt by kicker Sean Hughes clanked off the right upright.

Mansfield came back and picked up their initial first down of the game but eventually the

Mountaineers were forced to punt. The Marauders needed only three plays to put more points on the board. Jones took the hand-off on third down and one and exploded for a 60-yard touchdown run to give Millersville a 14-0 advantage. Jones had 135 yards rushing in the first quarter alone.

The Marauders began to pull away early in the second quarter. Quarterback Dan Csencsitz hooked up with wide receiver Ryan Clift on a three-yard fade pattern to make the score 21-0.

A bizarre play then led to Millersville's fourth touchdown of the afternoon. The Marauders kicked off down to the Mansfield 21-yard line, at which point no Mountaineer picked up the football and Millersville ended up recovering at that spot. On the second play after what was officially called an onside kick, Csencsitz found Clift again, that time from 18 yards away to increase the Marauders lead to 28-0.

The teams then traded possessions, as the Mansfield defense forced the first Millersville punt of the day. Mansfield took the ball and mounted their first push into

Millersville territory when quarterback Matt Hildebrand found tight end Eddie Van Buren for a 25-yard completion. The budding drive was quickly snuffed when Marauders linebacker Joe Hollister intercepted Hildebrand.

Millersville translated the turnover into points when Jones took the football in from one yard out for his third touchdown of the game to give Millersville a 35-0 halftime spread.

Mansfield had numerous scoring opportunities in the second half, but were only able to cash in on two. The Mountaineers' opening drive of the second half reached the Millersville five-yard line but the Mounties came away without points when Brandon Shelton intercepted Hildebrand's fourth down pass. Adding to Mansfield's problems, Hildebrand suffered an injury on the drive and did not return after that possession.

On Mansfield's next series, backup quarterback David Fetzer led the Mounties into the red zone once again. For the second consecutive drive, Mansfield's offense stalled there and kicker Sean Hair came onto the field to attempt a 35-yard field goal. Hair's kick was blocked by Shelton, keeping Mansfield off the scoreboard.

After the two teams traded empty possessions, the Mansfield defense set up the offense's first points of the game. Safety Joe Frick came on a blitz and forced Millersville backup quarterback Isaac Frazier to fumble while Frick was sacking him. Frick recovered the fumble at the Millersville 32-yard line. Two plays later, Fetzer found Van Buren for a 13-yard touchdown to cut the Millersville lead to 35-7.

After the defense picked up another stop, Mansfield moved the ball to the Millersville 36-yard line, but the movement stopped there and the Mounties were forced to punt. On the ensuing punt, Berone Jones fumbled and it was recovered by Mansfield linebacker Rob Smiley at the Marauders 15-yard line. Mansfield headed for a score, but Fetzer fumbled the ball away at the one-yard line, bringing another Mansfield trip to the red zone to a scoreless conclusion.

The Mountaineers got the ball back one more time and managed to capitalize with their second touchdown of the fourth stanza.

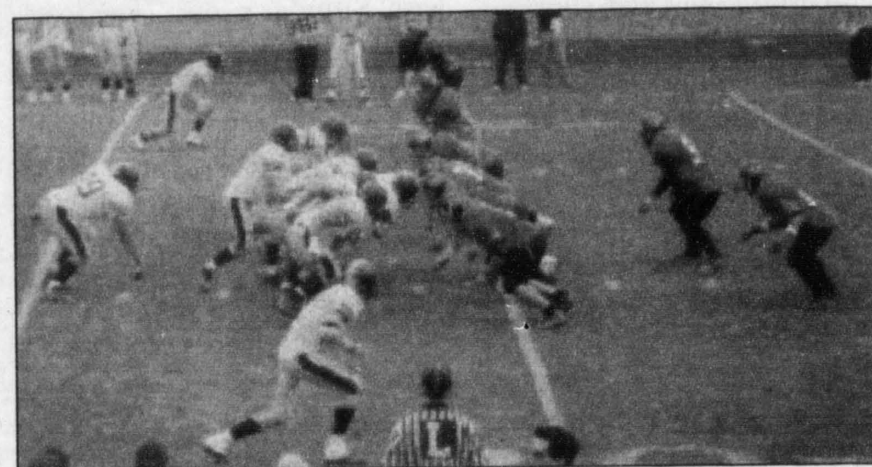


PHOTO BY RACHEL BOYLL and HANNAH KILLIAN/THE FLASHLIGHT

The Mansfield University Mountaineers took a tough hit from the Marauders of Millersville University by a score of 35-14.

Fetzer completed three consecutive passes, the third pass being a 23-yard touchdown connection with senior Corey Mishura to account for the final score. The touchdown was the first of Mishura's career.

In his relief effort, Fetzer went seven for 11 for 109 yards and two touchdowns. Before leaving due to the injury, Hildebrand went four for nine for 92 yards and two interceptions. Lost in the lopsided score was another stellar performance by running back Earnest McNeal. McNeal ran 31 times for 134 yards, marking his second consecutive 130-yard-plus effort. Van Buren led the receiving corps with four catches for 70 yards and a touchdown. Frick led the defense with nine tackles, a sack, forced fumble and a fumble recovery.

Millersville was led by a season-best effort by Juan Jones. A week after scoring five touchdowns in a 38-37 win over Kutztown, Jones provided the Marauders with their first 100-yard rusher of the season. Jones carried the ball 18 times for 150 yards and three touchdowns. Csencsitz went 14 of 19 for 175 yards and two touchdowns. Clift caught three balls for 27 yards and both scores while Andy Neupauer had six catches for 91 yards. Hollister led the defense, posting 14 tackles and an interception.

Mansfield finishes off the 2004 season when they look for their first home win against the nationally ranked East Stroudsburg Warriors. The game is at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Karl Van Norman Field.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Joe Frick (left) has four sacks on the season to go along with his team-leading 53 solo tackles.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division				Western Division			
PSAC	ALL	%		PSAC	ALL	%	
West Chester	6-0	8-2	.800	Shippensburg	5-1	9-1	.900
E. Stroudsburg	4-1	8-1	.889	Edinboro	4-1	7-2	.778
Bloomsburg	3-2	6-3	.667	IUP	4-1	6-3	.667
Millersville	3-2	5-4	.556	California	2-3	6-3	.667
Mansfield	1-4	1-8	.111	Clarion	1-4	3-7	.300
Kutztown	1-4	3-6	.333	Lock Haven	1-4	3-7	.300
Cheney	0-4	1-9	.100	Slippery Rock	1-4	3-7	.300

The Flashlight

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Fisheries students suffer from major changes

By BRITTANY BALLESTEDT
Flashlight Writer

Fisheries seniors will not be given the opportunity to walk in the May 2005 Commencement due to an administrative change in class offerings.

According to Fisheries senior Matt Sausser, the students are required to take two classes during the summer before their senior year. Mansfield originally offered these summer classes every two years, but due to a small enrollment, the administration changed the course offering to every three years.

The next time these courses will be offered is June of 2005. This forfeits the students' contracts to graduate in May of 2005.

"We should be able to take a work study or they should throw out these classes, so we would be able to graduate," Sausser said.

The students will not get the chance to participate in the May 2005 Commencement, since the administration is not allowing them to walk with their class.

"I understand their reasoning that they wanted more people involved in the program. We wouldn't be able to receive our diplomas at graduation, but the least they could allow use to do is walk," Missy Conte said.

Most students are interested in taking the courses and see them as vital to their major and their future field of work.

"I want to take the classes. I just wish they would have been offered when they were supposed to be offered so I could have graduated on time," Ashley Paver said.

According to Biology professor Dr. David Flesch, the academic staff had nothing to do with the decision. "This was an administrative decision that was made. There's not much I can do about that administrative decision," he said.

The change in the courses also affects three other seniors: John Malusky, Jacob Carpenter, and Kain Stein.

Sausser created a petition to allow the students to walk in May, but the administration denied it. He plans on trying again, and if that fails, he plans to take the petition to Harrisburg.

"I will take the summer courses," Sausser said. "I sim-

ply want to walk with my class in May. I was informed that a music major can walk and then take summer courses, so why can't I?"

The change in the summer course schedule will have the same effect on this year's freshman in the Fisheries major. The freshman will be unable to take the classes this summer because the courses involve prerequisites.

"It will affect this year's freshman, but they will at least be told that it will affect them in that way. We were supposed to take these classes last summer and our contract to graduate in May 2005 has been violated," Sausser said.

Dr. Flesch thinks there is a possibility that this change will have an effect on future students in the major. "I think it depends on the way in which the administration advertises the program. There could be other students that could get into difficulties like this if the course offerings are such that one can't get them until after the period of time for which they would normally graduate."

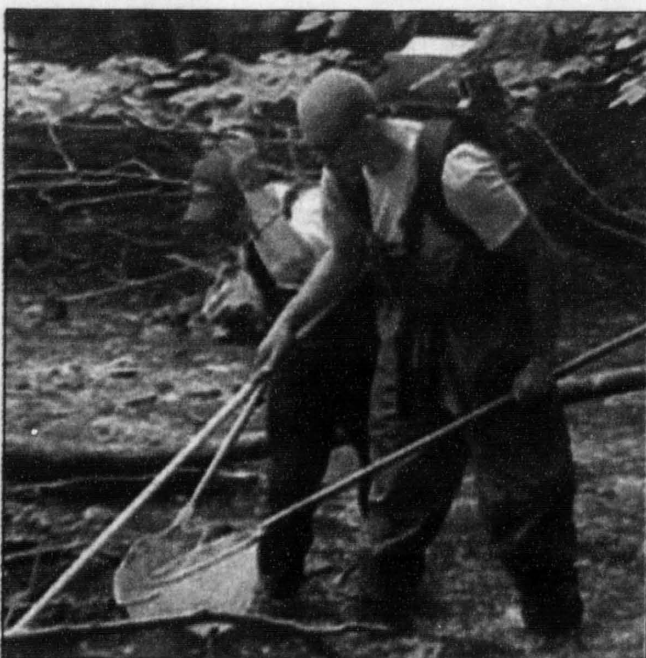


PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Senior Fisheries majors will be unable to graduate in May due to an administrative change in the course offering schedule.

Student panel raises awareness of diversity and multiculturalism

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Dialogues in Diversity (DID) is a panel of student leaders on the Mansfield University campus that represent some facet of diversity.

There are students on the committee representing, gay and lesbian, African-American, Latino, physically disabled and International student communities.

Members are trained in and concerned about issues of diversity and multiculturalism. Members of DID present to classes and other small audiences discussing issues, realities, and concerns.

DID presentations are specifically tailored for each audience. After the presentation an open discussion is held. If a presentation is held in a classroom, the student audiences break into small groups and are asked to write down a question or rumor that they have heard about a certain community represented on the panel. The questions are then passed up to the presenters and the student who is a part of that community then offers an answer of their experience and truth. Activities such as these raise aware-

ness and sensitivity on issues of diversity. This is particularly important in an area like Mansfield, predominately Caucasian academic and residential environment.



IMAGE FROM STUDENT AFFAIRS OFFICE
Dialogues In Diversity is a panel of students that represent different facets of groups on campus.

"We live in a small rural community. It is important that students gain knowledge and experience in diversity before they are exposed to it in the workplace," Charm Smith, panel member, said.

According to a pamphlet distributed by DID, "It is imperative that understanding and respecting differences become an integral part of learning as the United States becomes a more global and diverse society."

For more information or to schedule the DID Ambassadors contact the Student Affairs Office at 662-4930 or sclarke@mnsfld.edu.



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second place at
Step Competition
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National
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Today's Weather



Mostly cloudy with
a 20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 52° Low: 33°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather



TODAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 52° Low: 33°

FRIDAY



Rain/ Snow showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 37° Low: 22°

SATURDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 39° Low: 25°

SUNDAY



Partly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 45° Low: 29°

MONDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 46° Low: 33°

TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 47° Low: 34°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 44° Low: 33°

Information taken from
www.weather.com

Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Blood Drive** will be held in Alumni Multi-purpose room on Nov. 16 from noon until 6 p.m.

★ **Readings from *Edge City 2004* the current issue of MU Student literary Magazine Tuesday Nov. 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in 104 Belknap hall.** Pizza will be provided. Featured readers include Joe Calahan, Joseph King, Josh Wooten and a Noel Swasta impersonator. All sharp, now, straight-forward, writing--remarkable collection of angels on one stage reading their poetry and prose. **No Charge** for this charming event. Sponsored by the MU XI Literary Society contact Dr. Ulrich at x4585 for more information.

★ **Mansfield University Theatre presents *The Misty Recollections***, an original work by S. Dale Alden at Straughn Auditorium on Nov. 11, 12, 13 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$5, children and seniors will be charged \$4 and Mansfield University students will be charged \$2 with ID.

★ **The Admissions staff is currently seeking friendly, enthusiastic students to conduct campus tours.** For more information, call Tam Soderberg at 662-4814. Training will be provided. Students interested in conducting tours must be available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **PRSSA welcomes all majors.** Meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 317 of A.H.U.B. The Public Relations Student Society hopes to give its members insight into how the field of Public Relations works by giving them hands on experience in community and university projects.

★ **Alternative Spring Break Experience?** United Campus Ministry will be taking MU students to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this spring break (March 5-13, 2005). To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

POLICE BEAT

October 22, 2004-THEFT, RECEIVING STOLEN PROPERTY, CRIMINAL MISCHIEF- Christen Johnson allegedly broke into the coin change machines on campus and retained the coin/currency for his personal use.

In addition he allegedly received a laptop(s) and video game system knowing that the items were stolen. Two criminal complaints with 13 criminal charges were filed.

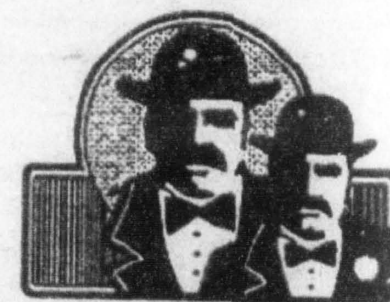
The student was committed to the Tioga County Jail on Monday Nov. 8.

November 1, 2004 - THEFT - Between the dates of Oct. 21 at approximately 7 p.m. and approximately 6 p.m on Nov. 1. a vehicle located in T-Lot was broken into. Among the items taken were two Jensen twelve inch speakers and one Jensen amplifier.

November 7, 2004-CRIMINAL MISCHIEF- Joseph Madigan, 20, was charged with criminal mischief for knocking over a Mansfield University traffic barricade causing it to break.

Anyone with information concerning these cases, please contact the Mansfield University Police Department at 662-4900.

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Truck Crashes into Maple Sunday Night

By RACHEL MEEHAN

Flashlight Writer

Students swarmed around the Maple B dormitory Sunday evening when a pick-up truck hit a car and then crashed into the side of the building.

At 6:50 p.m. a blue pick-up truck hit a parked Subaru on the street, then rolled down the hill, hitting the front of Maple Manor, B side.

According to one of the passengers of the truck, the driver was going to drop off her two passengers in front of the building when the brakes on the car stopped working. Instead of hitting on-coming traffic, she hit the Subaru, belonging to Natasha Davis.

Police said that the driver pushed the parked vehicle seven feet.

After hitting the car, she tried putting the truck in reverse to park it, when it locked up again and went over the sidewalk, broke through the railing and crashed into the building right next to the front doors.

With the first loud crash, students went outside to

see what had happened.

"I had only been in my room for not even five minutes after I parked my car when I heard the crash," Davis said. "I looked out my window and saw that it was my car. I dashed outside because it looked as though they were driving away and when I got there I saw the truck go over the bank and crash into the building. I hope everyone is okay."

No students were hurt as a result of the accident.

Afterward, people stopped to take pictures and discuss the event with fellow bystanders.

"There is nothing like a truck running into the side of a building to bring people together," student Gina Saporetti said.

A tow truck was called to the scene and pulled the truck out of the way around 9:30p.m.

"Well hey, it's not everyday you see a truck crash into Maple. It was all very exciting," student Chris Montgomery said.

MUD brings "The Misty Recollections" to the stage this November 11-14

By MICHELE PEET

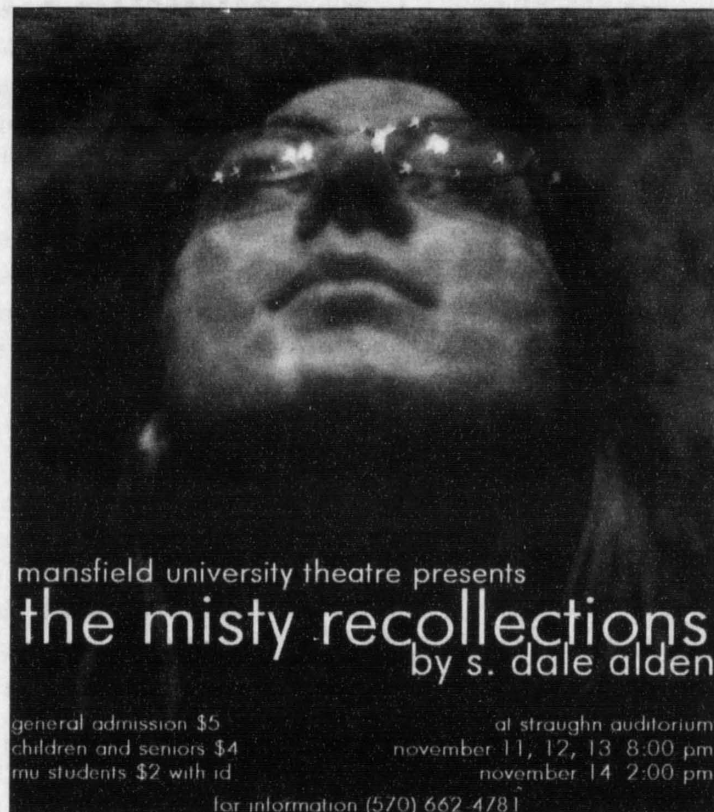
Flashlight Writer

The Mansfield University Dramatics brings a new production, *The Misty Recollections*, to Straughn Auditorium this weekend.

The playwright of this new show, S. Dale Alden, is a graduate from the MU Communication and Theater department. S. Dale Alden, who's real name is Sarah Alden, began working on the script while she was attending school. Her final script will be entered into the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival as a Participating Production, and also as a recent graduate of the college.

MU Dramatics has performed several other productions in the past including *Macbeth* and *Oklahoma*. This next endeavor for Dr. Longoria and the cast this semester reflects the efforts to perform shows that represent different spectrums of theatrical performance.

The show will be performed in Straughn Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 8p.m., and Sunday at 2p.m. The entrance fee is \$2 with a student ID, \$4 for other students and seniors, and \$5 general admission. For any further questions, contact the MU Theatre box office at (570) 662-4781.



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IMAGE FROM MU DRAMATICS

A new production by MU Alumnus S. Dale Alden, "The Misty Recollections", will be performed this weekend.



PHOTO BY YORELIS MILLAYES

The Zodiak step team won second place at a step competition that was held at Susquehanna University last weekend.

Zodiak takes second place in Susquehanna Step Competition

By STEPHANIE WHITE

Flashlight Writer

The Zodiak "Stance" team won second place in a Step competition on Friday, November 5th presented by the Black Student Union of Susquehanna University.

Zodiak was founded one year ago by junior Pamela Terrell. This year Terrell and the members of Zodiak have been working to perfect their new moves.

"Zodiak is unique because we step and dance, hence the word Stance", Tyia Kemper, co-captain of Zodiak, said. This semester Zodiak performed at Homecoming. In October, Terrell was invited by the President of BSU at Susquehanna University to the show. The team went with the intent to perform, not to compete, according to Terrell.

Terrell created four new dances and used Jadakiss's "The Champion", one of their most recent dances from Homecoming for the upcoming performance.

The other dances were accompanied by songs from J-Kwon's "Hood Hop", Elephant Man's "Egyptian Dance", Destiny's Child's "Lose my breathe", Lloyd's "Hey young girl", Snoop Dog's "Drop it like it's hot." In one part of the performance, three members reenacted a "Matrix" scene in slow motion.

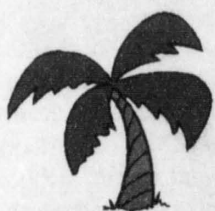
After Zodiak's performance, five other groups performed. These groups came from Millersville University, a Phi Beta Sigma fraternity from New Jersey, Susquehanna University, and another group from Mansfield called Diversity of Arts.

The brothers of Phi Beta Sigma won first place for their renditions of LL Cool J "I need love" and other classics.

Although they did not take first place, Zodiak is still proud of their performance.

"It wasn't about winning, it was about doing what we had to do and represent our school like on other," Terrell said.

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University accounts for student dining concerns

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Features Co-Editor

Mike Lemasters, Mansfield University Executive Director of Student Affairs and Residence Life, is currently working to improve relations between students and the university dining service. Lemasters explains reasons behind high prices in the Lower Manser food court and offers advice to students unhappy with food quality.

"The first thing I wanted to make students understand is that our local food service does not set the prices in the food court," said Lemasters. "The state system has a food services consultant. He reviews contract compliance and pricing. Whenever our food service decides what their charges will be for a given semester are submitted to me, and then I submit them to the consultant. He then reviews our prices in comparison to those of the schools in the state system. Because of his expertise he can also compare

these prices to the cost paid by the actual vendor."

Lemasters also explained reasons for food price variation among the state universities. Lock Haven and Mansfield Universities both use Sodexo Food Services. Both universities provide food courts for students consisting of areas for pizza, grilled selections, and subs. Although Lock Haven University offers more selections that may be covered by the cost of a student's meal, Lemasters claims there are price factors that need to be taken into account.

"We need to get our food delivered from a different vendor than they do at Lock Haven," Lemasters said. "Depending upon the variation between clients, the cost could differ. Another factor will quantity of purchase. One of the problems of Mansfield being a smaller school is buying power." Like buying food in bulk at a wholesale store, the more that can

be sold, the lower the price will be. Because of this reason, larger universities are able to sell food at lower prices.

The recent renovation of Lower Manser has led some to believe that students are paying for this construction in the form of higher prices.

"Part of the food service's contract required they pay for the renovations of the food court," Lemasters said. "So over the life of our contract with them, they have to recover that investment."

Lemasters suggests that students concerned with the quality of food in the Upper Manser Dining Hall should voice complaints at the time they feel disappointed.

"If something is cold, the best way for us to know about it is right then and there," Lemasters said. "I want more staff out in the main dining area talking with students what they would like to see in the dining hall."

News in a flash: News of the Region

By MICHELE PEET
Flashlight Writer

TROUT RUN, Pa. – An accident that occurred November 4 on Route 15, left a truck driver dead.

MONTOURSVILLE, Pa. – A police officer plead guilty on November 2, to charges of harassment and criminal mischief. The officer was suspended.

ASHLAND, N.Y. – Chemung County officials are warning patrons of Maple Lawn Dairy of an outbreak of Hepatitis A. A few patrons have contracted the disease from food that was purchased at

this location.

HORSEHEADS, N.Y. – A teen from Millport was killed when the car he was driving struck the brick wall of the school.

MANSFIELD, Pa. – Six-miles of Route 15 were recently opened from Mansfield to Blossburg. Eventually, Route 15 will connect Corning, NY to the PA Turnpike near Bedford.

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"Mr. Enthusiasm" brings high amounts of motivation to MU

MANSFIELD, PA— Motivational speaker Aric Bostick will present a seminar on success in Mansfield University's Allen Hall on Friday, November 19 at 8 p.m.

Bostick, who goes by the nickname "Mr. Enthusiasm," is the founder of Aric Bostick Success Training, Inc. He travels the country giving seminars, workshops and speeches based on his "V.I.P." philosophy.

A former high school teacher and coach in Texas, Bostick founded the Goal Setters Club to motivate his students at Judson high School in San Antonio. The success of that program led to other schools across the state asking him to help set up similar clubs. Bostick then took his motivational training to the regional and national level.

On his website Bostick describes the "V.I.P." philosophy as, "It is no secret that the person with a clear VISION of what they want out of life, an unshakable IDENTITY or belief in who they are and what they stand for, and a compelling PURPOSE behind their goals and dreams is always a VERY IMPORTANT PERSON and a leader of the pack!"

The program will include an action-packed hour of energizers, music and inspirational video clips that help Bostick illustrate his philosophies on goal setting, action planning, attitude and choice con-

ditioning, overcoming limiting beliefs and finding a person's unique talents.

The Mansfield seminar is free and open to the public. The event is sponsored by Pennsylvania Students Working against Tobacco (PA-SWAT) and its MU chapter.

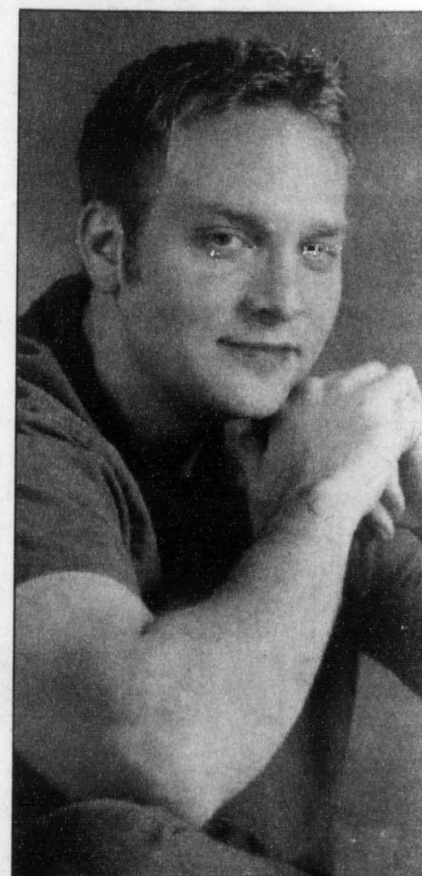


PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Aric Bostick, otherwise known as "Mr. Enthusiasm" will be visiting MU Friday to aid students in goal setting and self-motivation. Bostick is a motivational speaker that founded Aric Bostick Success Training, Inc.

What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer

World:

TAIPEI, TAIWAN – Monday night an earthquake hit northern Taiwan shaking buildings in Taipei. The buildings shook for several seconds and no injuries or damages were reported immediately. The magnitude of the earthquake was a 5.7.

RAMALLAH, West Bank – Suha Arafat, wife of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat said in a television show that she wanted the Palestinian people that she wanted them to be aware that their was a conspiracy for Arafat's "Conspirators" to bury him alive. Prime Minister Ahmed Qorei and former Prime Minister Mahmoud Abbas postponed their trip after her comments.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand – After former mayor and convicted rapist Steve Christian was fired from office last week; Pitcairn Island selected their first ever female mayor. Christians' sister Barbara will take over until a former election can take place on December 15th. Steve Christian will spend three years in jail after being convicted on five counts of rape.

THE HAGUE, Netherlands – In a southern Dutch town the door was blown off a Muslim elementary school. This attack came just days

after a suspected Muslim radical killed a Dutch filmmaker. There were no injuries reported due to the fact that the school was empty at the time of the attack.

National:

NEW YORK – Saturday morning Andrew Veal's body was found at ground zero. He's 25 and from Georgia; he's was apparently upset after bush's re-election. No suicide note was found, but there was a gun near his body. Friends believe it was to protest, he worked in a computer lab, and was planning to marry.

NORTH HAVEN, Connecticut – Sunday Anne Dean daughter of former presidential hopeful Howard Dean was injured along with four other girls when her SUV rolled over interstate 91. The driver of the SUV was in still in the hospital undergoing evaluations. The girls were returning from Vermont where the Dean family lives.

WEST PALM BEACH, Florida – Jimmy Morningstar was killed by a cab driver when he refused to get out of the cab. The bouncer of the bar paid Robert Lee Smiley Jr. \$10 to take Morningstar home. Smiley pulled him out of the cab then shot him twice with a gun, Morningstar died 30 minutes later at the hospital.

Information was taken from www.FOXnews.com



Diabetes Awareness 2004

By NATHAN HERRING
Flashlight Writer

Diabetes is a common disease among young people that can have devastating results if not treated correctly. Diabetes is a disease that occurs when blood glucose levels are too high. Blood glucose is also known as blood sugar. The pancreas creates insulin. Insulin is a hormone that carries glucose to cells. The cells transfer the glucose to energy. Diabetes is caused when the pancreas does not produce enough insulin to deliver glucose to cells. This causes the glucose to remain in the blood stream.

In 2002 there were over 206,000 people under the age of twenty that have diabetes. This is 0.25% of the population of young men and women under the age of twenty. Without proper treatment the disease can have negative effects as a person ages.

If diabetes is present it

can lead to problems with eyes, teeth, kidneys, nerves, and increases the risk of heart disease. People with diabetes have the same risk of a heart attack as someone who has already had a heart attack.

Two main types of diabetes common in young people are Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes. Type 1 diabetes is when the body's immune system attack and destroy beta cells in the pancreas which produce insulin. This type of Diabetes is called insulin dependent because insulin injections are needed to treat this disease. Type 1 diabetes cause is not clearly known but is believed to be hereditary or environmental.

Type 2 diabetes is the most common type of diabetes. Type 2 occurs when the pancreas does not make enough insulin and fat, muscle, or liver cells do not use it cor-

rectly. This disease can be treated with diabetic medicines. Obesity and heredity are some contributing factors to developing type 2 diabetes.

A third less common type of diabetes is Gestational diabetes. This form occurs in pregnant women in the late stages of pregnancy. This is caused by hormones created by pregnancy. A woman with Gestational diabetes is more likely to develop type 2 diabetes later in life.

People with diabetes should be tested regularly to monitor testing. Two tests are commonly used. Hemoglobin A1c test and a simple blood glucose test. The A1c test is a blood test that measures how blood sugar varies over a three month period. A blood glucose test is given a few times daily to

check the blood sugar level throughout the day.

James Frantz, a freshman at Mansfield University, has dealt with diabetes first hand. Frantz's mother Sherrie Venturi developed gestational diabetes when she was pregnant with Frantz's younger sister Allie. She then developed

type 2 diabetes shortly after her pregnancy. "My mother's life is greatly affected by diabetes. She has to check her blood sugar daily and visit doctors on a regular basis. The disease makes her self-conscious about the way she lives her life and has affected her everyday lifestyle," Frantz said.



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Blood sugar should be monitored daily with a glucometer.

You should consider talking to your doctor about testing at any age if you are overweight and have one or more of these risk factors:

- ⊗ A parent or sibling with type 2 diabetes.
- ⊗ Being of African American, American Indian, Asian American, Pacific Islander, or Hispanic American/Latino descent.
- ⊗ A history of gestational diabetes, or having at least one baby weighing more than 9 pounds at birth.
- ⊗ Blood pressure of 140/90 mm Hg or higher.
- ⊗ HDL cholesterol ("good" cholesterol) levels of 35 or lower and/or triglyceride levels of 250 or higher.
- ⊗ Living a sedentary (inactive) lifestyle (i.e., exercising less than three times a week).

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From Russia with love

By HILLARY GRUMBINE
Flashlight Writer

What a busy weekend I've had! We had a four day weekend and I must say, I enjoyed it thoroughly.

Friday, Jake Cassela and I went to a large outdoor market with our Austrian friend, Michaela. The market is 45 minutes away, on the other side of town. It has everything you could think of: beautiful Russian scarves, hand carved wooden souvenirs, woven gloves and hats, and yes...even the kitchen sink. There was even furniture, fur coats and hardware! It's incredible what you could find.

After spending all day outside at the market, it was time for some good coffee to warm us up. The Grande Cafe is a new coffee shop downtown. It's fairly large with two floors and a DJ who plays soothing tunes during the

day time and more upbeat things at night. It's one of the new hot spots this fall. The atmosphere is great; comfortable chairs and couches, neutral tones and artwork on the walls and huge windows make for a relaxing place to meet friends and have something to drink. The prices are moderate, the menu extensive and the lattes, they're phenomenal.

Saturday everyone on the floor was invited to a pasta party held by Jake and our friend, Rune after we visited the symphony at Volgograd's Central Music Hall. The party was a great success and we've still got leftover pasta! Everyone left quite full and very happy after an evening of eating, dancing and good conversation with our Russian and Chechan friends.

Sunday night there was a reggae show at The White Horse. The band was amazing. They played

original songs with mellow beats to start off the night but gradually started playing things that got everyone in the place dancing. Jah Division, a name played off of Manchester, England's "Joy Division" made my weekend complete. The lead singer looked a lot like Bob Marley, except he's from Moscow Russia. I found myself about three feet away from him dancing along with the crowd, wishing I could understand more Russian so I knew exactly what he was singing about. Overall it was a great night and I was almost sad to leave. However, after such a full weekend, we were all in desperate need of sleep and a day of rest.

Yesterday we started classes once again, so it's back to the grind but we have a three day weekend again coming up so it should be full of more fun tales to tell for next week.

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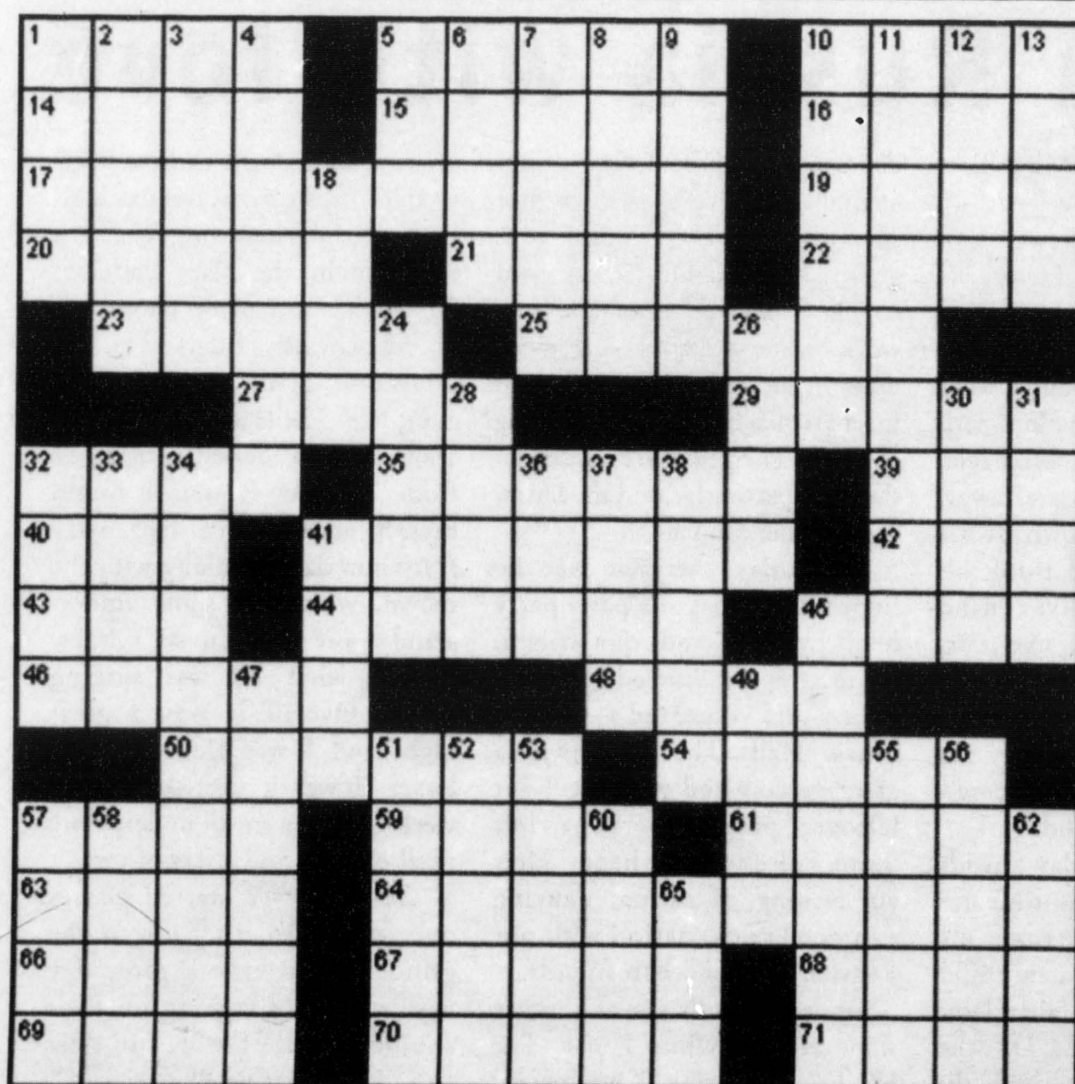
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CROSSWORD BY NOAH WOEHLER Flashlight Games Editor

Across

1. Reduced Instruction Set Computer
5. Military authority in Turkey
10. Subject to change, it may happen
14. To (archaic)
15. Montreal Baseball team
16. _____ contender
17. Offense to moral sensibilities
19. Noisy fight, or wear away
20. Improperly forward or bold
21. Republic consisting of the counties in Ireland
22. Building blocks of our youth
23. Transfer to another track
25. Paper used in testing liquids for acidity
27. Robert E. and Bruce
29. A cast out
32. A joke
35. Diplomatic representative of the Pope
39. Gangster's pistol (slang)
40. Cntrl + _____ + Del
41. For some unspecified reason
42. Hawaii Island Creations
43. Thursday single "_____ all the Time"
44. Electron buddy
45. "The Seven Year _____"
46. Cause to be in a state of complete confusion

48. Medicine medium
 50. Committee appointed to judge a competition
 54. Low stringed instrument
 57. Type of snake (pl)
 59. Info
 61. Garlic mayonnaise
 63. Hurry up and _____
 64. Having eminence
 66. European eagle
 67. Tropical aquatic ray
 68. Type of golf club
 69. Stop, or traffic
 70. Out of bed
 71. Student's nightmare
- ### Down
1. Crowe's short first name
 2. People who lived in Peru
 3. Treasure
 4. Get advice from
 5. Come in a pod
 6. Rose, or part of a vehicle
 7. Make a mess of
 8. Beautiful young woman
 9. Valuable quality or item
 10. Process of flowing in
 11. Knowing in advance
 12. Symbol of a country
 13. Walk the dog, or around the world
 18. Unit of force
 24. Higher male voice
 26. Cat sound

28. Japanese form of wrestling
30. Concerning members not in the clergy
31. Make a print of, in wood
32. Shark movie
33. Feeling strong eagerness
34. Tie with a strap
36. Basketball scoring ring
37. Karate, or _____ Suey
38. Involving the form of ions
41. Cause to spin
45. Contrary to or forbidden by law
47. Attach to
49. To incline or bend
51. Swelling of fluid in tissue
52. Tibetan priest of Lamaism
53. Unbroken period of time which you do something
55. French river
56. Spreads made from vegetable oils
57. Overwhelming feelings of wonder
58. Dress word by Hindu women
60. Not in favor of
62. Is not
65. Lend me your _____

Dude, Where's my absentee ballot?

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH
Flashlight Writer

It seems with all this political talk and rhetoric that the 2004 elections were just yesterday. They came and they went providing American with the most controversial election ever seen. Many questions came and have been answered, and many questions constantly rise up unexpectedly. Yet, there is one question that has been plaguing many since before the election and continues to now. That question is indeed, "where is my absentee ballot?"

Months before the election was here, many Americans and citizens registered and sent in applications for their ballot. Many received them and sent them in on time before October 29; however, many did not receive their ballot via mail until after the 29th or did not receive them at all. The majority of Mansfield University was successful, but for those who were not, patterns tend to show those stu-

dents were a) of African-American decent or minorities, or b) were from the city and county of Philadelphia. Thoughts formulate in my mind and others: could this incident be isolated to the fact that white republicans are trying to suppress the black vote or were they actually accidentally mailed out late not having to do with a conspiracy behind such.

The fact that Philadelphia's vote quite often tends to be overwhelmingly Democratic; one could ponder that were the ballots sent out late so their vote and voice could not count. However, the fact is why would the democratic officials in Philadelphia try to suppress their own votes? On voting day, throughout the state, especially in Philadelphia, and in particular isolated cities such as Washington DC, Cincinnati and Baltimore, poll pushers head to the polls trying to intimidate African American voters and minorities.

Also on a related note, in African-American and urban areas in major cities, tires of cars were found slashed in attempts to stop voters from going to the polls. These incidents do not surprise me what so ever, in fact, I find it quite reasonable as to why they would happen.

However, absentee ballots were also held up in court, due to the fact over the controversy of excluding Ralph Nader's name on the ballot. Because of this, ballots were forced to be sent out late and many received theirs just days before the due date of October 29.

Speaking to Professor Dr. Jeffrey Bosworth, he feels that absentee ballots are not related to an effort to misrepresent the votes, "[that] it is not an example to manipulate the vote." In addition, he stated that first-time voters often "do not know the rules or fill them out correctly". He lastly notes that on campus, during the

next election that we need to educate those first-time voters more than we have done in the past.

Could these incidents actually be isolated, or in the grand scheme of things, are poll pushers and the issue of lost and late absentee ballots tied hand-in-hand? Not only did Philadelphia out of town residents, who subscribed for ballots, receive them lost or late; thousands from Florida and Ohio were deprived of their vote as well. In addition, to note, electronic voting systems are proven easily rigged; so this year's election may have had a higher turnout, but still was not as democratically fair as it could have been. Which provides a number of possibilities: could Senator John Kerry have won?

We may never know the answer to this question. However, we must keep one fact in mind. The 2004 election did produce a winner and now it is time to focus on the next

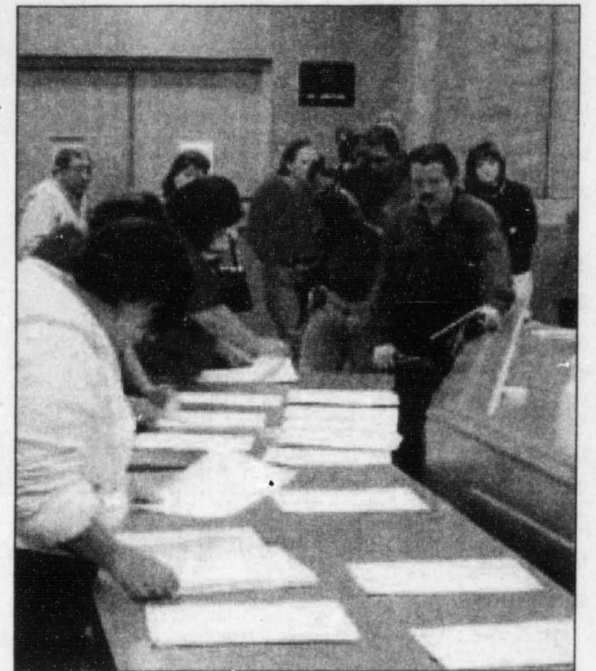


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As thousands of ballots were counted last Tuesday, many wondered why they never received theirs.

Brown v. Board of Education

By NIJA SMITH
Special to the Flashlight

This year marks the 50th anniversary for one of the most important court decisions that changed the way we live in America. Without this essential verdict, our educational system would not be at the level we are at today.

According to the office of multicultural Affairs, approximately 226 students of African decent would be absent from this campus without this Supreme Court judgment. Faculty and staff of color were also segregated from white campuses, which would have included some of Mansfield's prominent leaders such as our Vice President of Student Affairs Dr. Shari Clarke. The Brown Vs Board of Education is the trial that allows us all to be here today.

On May 17, 1954, the Supreme Court ruled that the separate but equal clause was unconstitutional because it violated the 14 amendment by separating individuals based on skin color. This ruled out the Plessy vs. Ferguson court decision from 1896, which deemed that the separate but equal con-

cerning segregation of public facilities, including schools, was within constitutional lines.

Separate schools for whites and blacks were common in southern

among students.

Racial boundaries are enforced through stereotypes received from the media, general rumors, past personal experiences, as well as those of family and friends. Often, issues concerning race are looked over and ignored. Many are reluctant to express themselves in regards to racial concerns in fear of negative attention. To stand silent in face of a problem is to support it. The only way to break the barriers that separate us is by way of communication. Through dialogue and other forms of self-expression, we can learn to understand our differences.

Some that feel that diversity in schools is not a major issue, consider the fact that 1/3 of new workers entering America's workforce are ALANA (Afro-American Latino Asian and Native American). The chances are high that you may find yourself working with or for an ALANA. It is time that we communicate and reconcile.

Together we stand, divided we fall. It is time we take advantage of the freedoms past generations fought for. Happy Birthday Brown vs. Board of Education.



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To this day efforts continue across the country to realize the dream of the families effected by Brown Case.

societies and many northern educational facilities as well. This decision favoring integration in schools was a tremendous stride in the Civil Rights movement. Although Mansfield University does pride itself in diversity, there is still continual self-segregation

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Obesity alternative: Gastric bypass

By JOSEPH KING

Flashlight Features Editor

Wednesday, August 18, 2004. The scalpel pierces the skin at precisely one-quarter inch below the sternum and continues its meticulous trajectory to the navel. The surgeon separates the layers of flesh to begin his alteration. Over a four-hour period the patients life is altered forever.

Today more and more patients are electing to surgically alter themselves in an effort to create a more healthy appearance. Beyond the superficial vanity of plastic surgery is a procedure known as Gastric Bypass. In this procedure, the surgeon remodels the patients stomach to hold between four to six ounces and restructures the intestinal track to bypass around five feet of small intestine.

Invasive and painful, this surgery is not for everyone. The complications from this procedure vary from mild discomfort to death. On average one in one hundred is the mortality rate (although the rate varies widely from surgeon to surgeon). When the risk factors of the patients state of health increases to the point of danger, this surgery becomes a possible life savior, or at the very least improves the quality of life.

While the risks of this procedure are high, so are the health benefits for those suffering from the com-

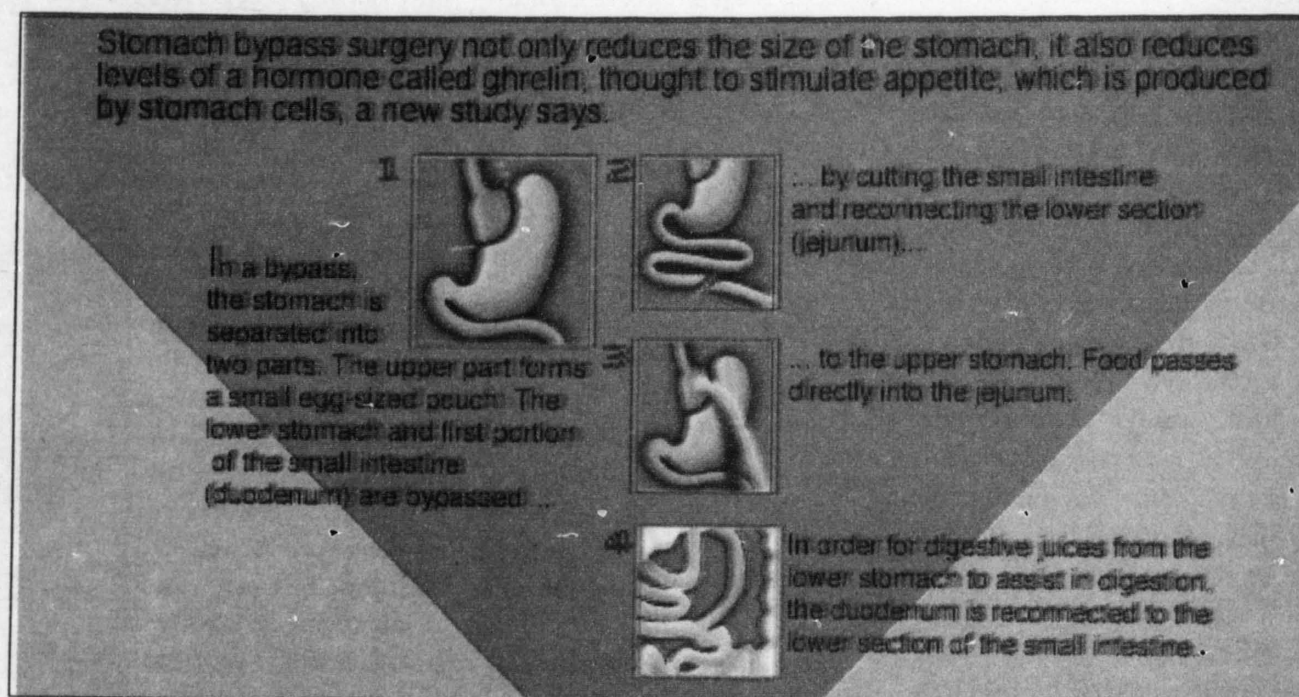


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Gastric bypass can be a viable choice for the morbidly obese.

plications of obesity. In conjunction with the obvious effects of the induced weight loss, the complications of several other diseases are relieved and made much more manageable. Diabetic symptoms decrease, and indeed sometimes disappear. Blood pressure returns to a normal range. Joint and muscle pain are diminish, due in part to the reduction of the pressure and weight that is placed on them. The patients energy level is increased an astonishing amount. The self-esteem becomes enhanced, and in turn, the emotional health is improved.

However, this procedure is not a magic bullet, the patient must follow strict guidelines for the rest of their life. Foods high in fat and/or sugar will force the body to react violently, introducing gastrointestinal tribulations and inducing a hangover state that can last up to two days. Alcohol intake is prohibited, and caffeine intake is very limited. Carbonated beverages are banished. Fast food will cause severe discomfort. Exercise is a required part of the treatment: at least four miles of walking a day by eight weeks after the procedure.

Sixty-four ounces of water must be consumed daily, as well as calcium, iron and multivitamins supplements. Protein must be ingested first at every meal, *no exceptions*. With a stomach that holds six ounces, protein is nearly all that *can* be consumed! Then, there is scarring. With a scar from navel to sternum, this is something that is clearly visible. The scar can cause discomfort in situations like public display of the abdomen. Like at the beach, or swimming at a public pool.

There is a danger of ruining this procedure if the patient fails to fol-

low these guidelines: carbonation will actually stretch the stomach large enough for the patient to consume enough food to increase weight. Continually consuming food in small amounts can also reverse the weight loss.

With complications from obesity like diabetes (as well as complications from the diabetes), high blood pressure, high cholesterol and several other maladies, Wednesday, August 18, 2004 was the beginning of a drastic change for me. Through this procedure I have received a chance at a new beginning. I have improved health, a new outlook on life and one less prejudice that I have to face from society (although this sometimes is replaced by the condescension that I should have just accepted and loved myself despite others perceptions and prejudices... Newsflash: I took stock of my situation and chose health! And, by the way, isn't that a slightly oxy-moronic thing to say?..). As difficult as certain aspects of the recovery period can be, the difference between August and today is immeasurable.

My transformation is almost complete: I have lost eighty pounds now, I have my health, I am completing my education, and I have a new self confidence. I know I made the right decision.

Professor receives national attention for new diet

By MEHGAN LEE

Minnesota Daily

Much to his chagrin, a University of Minnesota professor gained national media attention and received offers for book deals in recent weeks for creating a new diet.

"It's really silly," said David Bernlohr, head of the department of biochemistry, molecular biology and biophysics.

"It has gotten so much attention, and it was never my goal to do that," he said.

Bernlohr, who studies obesity and teaches medical students about metabolism, said he created the now-famous Northwoods Diet about a year ago when he noticed his weight slowly sneaking up on him. In six months, he said, he lost 40 pounds.

But he did not exercise. And he still snacked on chocolate and peanuts and enjoyed the occasional light beer, he said.

"No person should have to be with-

out chocolate," Bernlohr said. "And if you have to have peanuts, it's almost required you have beer, too."

But Bernlohr did moderate the amount of carbohydrates he consumed, he said.

For breakfast, he ate carbohydrates such as cereal or oatmeal to increase his body's insulin production, he said. For lunch, he ate what he calls a transitional meal, which still included some carbohydrates, but also contained more proteins and lipids. Bernlohr's transitional meal is generally a slice of pizza, he said. Then for supper, Bernlohr tried to eliminate carbohydrates, he said.

His diet also entailed eating the three traditional meals of the day.

"One of the problems with the American culture is we skip breakfast and we eat lunch, dinner and dinner two," Bernlohr said. "And dinner two is

sometimes a full meal at 10 or 11 o'clock at night."

Instead, Bernlohr said, he tried to stop eating after 7 p.m.

People took notice when Bernlohr shed the weight. He said everyone began asking him if he was on the Atkins or South Beach diets. Bernlohr said he got tired of explaining.

"On the spur of the moment, without any thought to it, I just said, 'I'm on Northwoods,'" he said. "And the basic premise here is that if the beautiful people in South Florida can have South Beach, the good, hard-working people of Minnesota can have Northwoods."

The College of Biological Sciences' alumni magazine made a small reference to the Northwoods Diet in a recent article on Bernlohr's laboratory. But that small reference was enough to kick off media frenzy.

Bernlohr said he is now receiving calls from "Dateline NBC" and National Public Radio.

"It's out of control," he said.

"I've got to write papers," he said. "I've got class to teach. I've got to go back to my lab."

Bernlohr said he does not believe his diet is anything special. He is not a physician or nutritionist, and the diet has not been clinically established or proven, he said.

"It just has a cute name," he said.

Too often people are looking for a magical weight-loss cure, Bernlohr said. But if people want to lose weight, they just need to exercise more and reduce their calorie intake, he said.

"You don't need 2,500 calories a day," Bernlohr said. "Cut back to 1,800. Have only one helping. And don't eat a fourth meal."

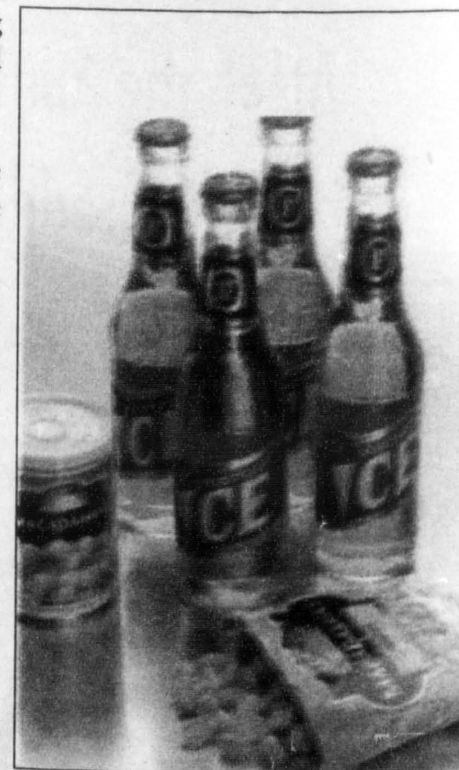


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The Northwoods diet includes both beer and nuts.

Obesity seen as a major health risk

By JOSEPH KING

Flashlight Features Editor

Obesity is an overwhelming problem facing the citizens of the United States today. According to the CDC's website "Results of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) 1999-2000 indicate that an estimated 64 percent of U.S. adults are either overweight or obese, defined as having a body mass index (BMI) of 25 or more."

In 1991 only 4 out of 45 participating states reported obesity rates of 15-19 percent, with none above 20 percent. By the year 2000 all 50 states, with the sole exception of Colorado reported prevalence of 15 percent or greater; 22 states statistics comprised over 20 percent. In January 1, 2003, the *Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA)*, CDC reported that obesity climbed from 19.8 percent of American adults to 20.9 percent of American adults between 2000 and 2001.

To better understand this phenomenon, perhaps the distinction between *overweight* and *obese* should be clarified. Clarification begins with understanding the concept of Body Mass Index (BMI). BMI is a mathematical equation that illustrates the relationship

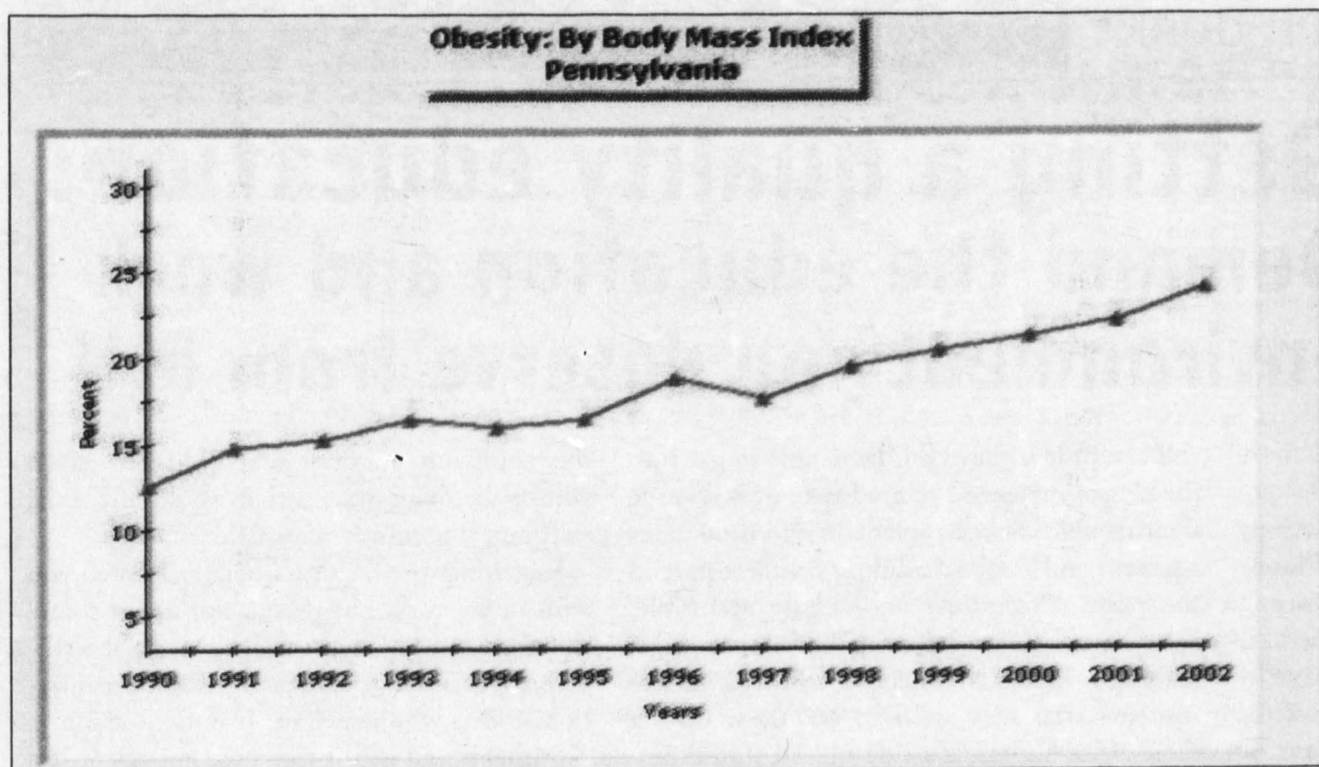


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Obesity trends are surging in Pennsylvania as well as the rest of the country.

between body weight and height. A person's BMI is measured by the formula weight divided by height (in inches) times height (in inches) multiplied by 703. For example, a person who weighs 220 pounds and is 6 feet 3 inches tall has a BMI of 27.5, would be calculated by dividing 220 by (75x75) and multiplying that by 703, and arriving at a BMI of 27.5. Individuals of a BMI of below 18.5 are considered under

weight, a BMI of 18.5 to 24.9 are considered "normal," while a BMI of 25.0 to 29.9 is considered overweight and a BMI of 30.0 and above are considered obese.

With this rise in obesity, the complications that are associated with it are rising as well. Diabetes diagnosis (including gestational diabetes) increased from 7.3 percent to 7.9 percent between 2000 and 2001. According to

www.wrongdiagnosis.com overweight people are "more likely to develop health problems, such as heart disease, stroke, certain types of cancer, gout (joint pain caused by excess uric acid), and gallbladder disease. Being overweight can also cause problems such as sleep apnea (interrupted breathing during sleep) and osteoarthritis (wearing away of the joints)."

Treatment for obesity can range

from medications and extreme diets that are unhealthy to surgery to alter the caloric/nutrient intake. With the nation on an anti-carbohydrate diet and medicines like Meridia, Bontril, Desoxy, Ionamin with Adipex-P, and Xenical becoming more prevalent, the problem is still not being alleviated.

What can the public do to help alleviate the increasing problem that some are calling an epidemic? Education is the logical answer, and education on nutrition and health are the first steps. Understanding the relationship between what one puts into their body

Recently a new trend has become evident: internet advice and reference sites. Websites like edict.com and obesity.com offer the average consumer in-depth and instant insight as well as advice to battle this growing (pardon the pun) problem.

Navigating through all of the information on health and obesity may prove difficult, but educating yourself and understanding the issues as well as challenges are necessary in today's society.

Additional information courtesy of www.apps.nccd.cdc.gov

Reality TV asks "Who is *The Biggest Loser*?"

By MICHELE PEET

Flashlight Writer

Are you the biggest loser? Would you ever want to be? These people do.

A new reality show just started, called *The Biggest Loser*. Many of you might be saying something along the lines of "there are way too many reality shows, what makes this one any different." I am sure that I would have been saying that too, but unlike any of you, I have a vested interest in this show.

Here is how the show works. The two teams (Red and Blue) compete each week to see who loses the most weight between the two. Whichever team loses has to vote someone from that team off. This puts this show as a cross between *Survivor* and *The Apprentice*.

Each team is on a different diet with a different trainer. The blue team is on the eat-more diet which involves smaller meals, but more of them. The red team is on the eat-less diet. The eat-less diet means that they are eating smaller portions, but only the normal three meals a day.

I would like to imagine that the emotions are running high at the studio during the taping. This past week, one of the members of the red team took a negative atti-

tude when revealing that he is voting off Lizzeth. He laughed and joked about it, while other members of his team took offense and viewed his actions as being dramatic. After Lizzeth's big departure, Kelly M. spoke her mind and was about in tears. I could feel the piercing emotions when I heard her speak.

Like many other shows, this one has a gripping, sometimes heart wrenching story line, characters that blurt out words at a moments notice, sometimes the words that you wished you could say, and a reason for being where they are. This is just a little different than those normal sitcoms or even the other reality shows. This offers a different perspective. This reality show depicts emotional people participating for them. They are working towards benefiting themselves.

Now let me tell you my vested interest. I do not watch an overly excessive amount of reality television. I have family that is overweight, but I am not overweight by any means, but I do not exactly watch what I eat either. Instead, my vested interest is a person on the show. I watch this show because I am cheering on a friend. I have never talked to this person. I have never met this person. I plan to meet this person someday, and hopefully this person will be *The Biggest Loser*.



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Maurice, Kelly, Aaron, Dana, Gary, Andrea, Matt, Lizzeth, Ryan, Lisa, Dave and Kelly are challenged to be *The Biggest Loser*

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



By **THERESA BENNER**

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Perhaps I'm just getting reminiscent as my time at Mansfield comes to an end, but lately I've been reflecting on my last three years in college. The sad realization that I've come to is that there has been a significant decline in the quality of education offered by Mansfield University.

In the past few years, and last two semesters specifically, there have been several stresses placed upon the students and faculty of MU that were not problems -or at least noticeable problems- when I first began my education here in 2001. At one time I enjoyed the conveniences of small classes, professors that were easy to get in touch with and minimal scheduling woes (despite the occasional WebAdvisor glitches), but recently I've noticed significant complications in each of these areas.

This semester I walk into my classes and struggle to find an available seat, having to sit on the floor occasionally when there is not enough space for the number of desks needed to accommodate the class sizes. Scheduling has become a chore. Many students of the junior

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and senior level have not been able to get into the classes they need to graduate, only to have their troubles blamed solely on bad time management and poor scheduling on their part in the past. Professors, once easily accessible, have been bombarded with additional tasks, making it harder for them to talk with all the students who may need to see them during their office hours. As a side note, I would personally like to thank all the professors who have gone out of their way, even with their heavy workloads, to help their students.

I'm not blaming these trends on any one individual or action, although I'm quite aware the restrictions on the University budget are largely to blame for many of these inconveniences. One of the largest problems I see that may be related to some of these problems is that the students and faculty are not being informed of many of these plans and changes prior to them being enforced.

The only reasonable suggestion I can make to the administration right now would be to increase communication between the State System and our particular university. Utilize resources on campus, like *The Flashlight*, to get

the word out about potential actions taken within the State System that would affect the staff and students of Mansfield.

Regarding the faculty, I hate to burden you with more work, but if you hear about something on campus that is pertinent to the students, inform your classes or inform organization leaders who may be able to take action.

Students and this is the most important, try to keep up with changes made on campus that effect your education, your tuition and particularly your ability to graduate. As we've seen happen with the Fisheries majors, your perfectly laid out schedule for the next 4 years may not matter if new requirements or changes in class schedules are implemented. And when you see or experience a problem don't just sit in your room and complain, make sure somebody who can help knows! You could at least write a letter to the editor, if nothing else it makes my job at *The Flashlight* easier.

Since, as I stated before, many of the problems are a result of poor budgets, I am not sure how many of these issues have quick solutions, but increasing communication and voicing your opinion, certainly couldn't hurt.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Have you noticed a change -good or bad- in the quality of education provided at Mansfield?

E-mail your thoughts on this to flashopinions@yahoo.com

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A fair suggestion for a swift solution

A satirical perspective on modern American life

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

It is an undeniably upsetting scenario for those who participate in contemporary American life. America's sons and daughters are sent to a land laden with troubles to police streets that are flooded with terrorists and radicals. One cannot even turn on their favorite cable news channel without encountering heart-wrenching scenes of American casualties and filthy, burka-donned women bemoaning the loss of their many children in unavoidable collateral damage. It is true, the avenues and alleys of Iraq are filled to capacity with pieces and corpses of children, civilians, terrorists, and soldiers alike. Meanwhile, we are running out of forces to back up this noble cause begun in the true pre-emptive spirit of America. After all, what is more American than profit and enforcing our way of life across all borders and boundaries?

Perhaps even more unfavorable than the conflict overseas is the trend of outright moral degradation that has begun to shape American life. Our country, once a

stronghold for Christian capitalist influence is beginning a downward spiral in which minorities and traditionally, and rightfully, marginal groups seek to dismantle basic American institutions. Groups of gays and lesbians seek to soil the image of marriage by claiming to 'be in love' and laying claim to rights that simply do not belong to them. This scourge has even infiltrated gubernatorial politics as demonstrated by New Jersey governor James McGreevey. The threat to marriage is not the upstanding example of marital integrity led by Hollywood; it is men and women that love each other.

Thus, in these hard times of uppity minorities and all-holy crusades that are straining the banks and families of America, I have painstakingly pondered an acceptable solution to both of these issues. After turning my thoughts for many months on this important subject and considering the strategies put forth by both presidential candidates in our recent election, I have reached the inevitable conclusion that neither staying the course nor retreating shamefully back to

our borders are viable solutions to this cross-continental problem. I will now unveil my own thoughts which I hope will not be subject to much objection. If both terrorists and minorities seek to destroy our American way of life, I suggest that is wise for them to fight each other, and bring the true American heroes home from Iraq. By allowing gays and lesbians the opportunity to fight for a country that is entirely tolerant of their 'lifestyle' we both eliminate the problem of increasing enrollment in our strained armed forces and remove the threat to the our utmost important institution, Marriage.

I have been assured by an acquaintance in Washington that any gay man or lesbian is so opposed to traditional moral values that they will happily fight Muslim radicals who oppress homosexuals even more than Christians do. Thus, if we allow all the gays and lesbians in America attack the Middle East, center of the world for radical irrationality, they will surely destroy the countryside and the indigenous peoples. Therefore, instead of allow-

ing the gays to ruin our American way of life, they can take what remains of the country they destroyed and do with it what they will, so long as they do not engage in nuclear weapons programs and allow their citizens to come to America, the real god's country. There is another unseen advantage to my plan that is of such simplistic genius that even the Greeks of old embraced it centuries ago. By allowing gay couples to fight, not only will they be fighting the Muslim radicals, they will be fighting side by side with their most esteemed loved ones and will naturally fight harder and stronger so they can be protected.

I admit, in all sincerity of my heart, that I have no particular interest the putting forth of this plan other than the preservation of American morality and the eradication of two problems facing it. On January 30, of 1933 Adolf Hitler became Chancellor of Germany. On March 23rd of that same year, the German government, controlled by the Nazi party, passed The Enabling Act which gave dictatorial powers to Adolf

Hitler. On September 15 of 1935 the Nuremberg Laws deprived German Jews of all civil liberties. Germany invades Rhineland on March 7, 1936 and the Second World War begins.

On January 20, 2001 George W. Bush took the office of President of the United States. On June 2, 2002 the Bush Doctrine of Preemptive War is unveiled. March 19, 2003 the war in Iraq begins. President George W. Bush is re-elected on November 2, 2004 and shortly thereafter launches a massive attack on Fallujah, a stronghold of nearly 3,000 terrorists. In the same week as the attack on Fallujah, Bush aide Karl Rove announces that in the coming weeks, the Bush Administration will be seeking a constitutional amendment to ban gay marriage. For the first time in American history, the constitution will be used to restrict the civil rights of a minority and will likely be ratified by the Republican controlled legislature. Welcome to the new land of the free, rich, and Christian; for the next two years at least we will be subjected to a one-party, theocratic rule.

What went wrong for Kerry: A Democrat's perspective

By DAN BECHTEL
Flashlight Writer

Kudos to both President Bush and John Kerry. In this 2004 election, Mr. Bush legitimately won, taking both the popular and electoral votes and John Kerry, escaping what would be weeks of legal battles much like in 2000, conceded the election. But how was Bush able to pull it off?

Quite frankly, the Kerry campaign was a disaster waiting to happen. It was not until late in the campaign that polls began to bounce in his favor. Early on, all Kerry had to do was sit back and watch the Bush administration stumble through dilemma after quandary and allow the media to run with the follies. But he waited too long. He waited too long to address the issues, which ultimately cost him the election.

Voters were sure why they weren't voting for George Bush. But they weren't sure why they should vote for Kerry. What was his stance on the issues? Sure he wanted to raise minimum wage and go after the terrorists, but how? How was he going to accomplish

these feats without doing more damage to America? His solution: roll back Bush's tax cuts to the wealthy 1% of Americans. Okay, then what? This open-ended question is what Republicans ran with, quite effectively I might add.

Throughout the debates, Kerry slaughtered Bush on issue after issue, trapping him in his own words and even sparking visible emotional responses from the President. Unfortunately, Kerry's momentum did not pick up as much as it should have for one reason: voters did not know enough about him to make a decision. Honestly, I would have preferred Kerry's no-plan to Bush's straightforward plan, but that's only because I disagree with his policies. In fact many voters shared this notion: "anyone but Bush." Problem number two.

This election spawned the biggest voter turnout since 1960, with an emphasis on college students. Congratulations- you did your part! You took a stand on an issue

and wrapped yourself in the American flag. You cowards. Notice I said "took a stand on an issue." This election gave birth to some of the highest numbers of single-issue voters ever. Some voted Kerry only because he is pro-choice, others voted Bush only because Kerry wants to take their guns away. Further, many used only one source of information. They watch CNN for news, or read the *New York Post* for the latest scoop on politics. Realize that the media is liberally biased, with the exception of Fox. So they follow the news, failing to see the big picture beyond their own microcosm of an issue waiting to see what the latest is on it, reinforcing their stances more. To those single issue voters, I pose this question: Was your stance on that one issue really that relevant to the future of this country? Was overturning *Roe v. Wade* really going to shape this nation and its direction for years down the road?

Also, give credit where credit is due- the

Bush campaign did a spectacular job of suppressing the vote, particularly of minorities. Somehow, places like Kansas City were able to produce more registered voters than actual registered people within the jurisdiction. Thankfully they were able to come up with fake names rather than fill up the ballot boxes and hope nobody goes through them.

The final factor is fear. Bush propped up the terrorist threat and strutted his presidential biceps in hopes voters would believe he could do a better job at combating this threat than his opponent. Development of nukes in Iran and North Korea added to this frenzy giving people a reasonable doubt that Kerry would have the brass to do anything decisive. For many this worked. For me, I used logic. Who cares if North Korea has nuclear arms? For one, should they launch them, they only have a few warheads and they would only hit a few isolated and uninhabited Alaskan islands.

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Identity theft grows nationwide

By MICHELLE KESSEL
U-WIRE/DC BUREAU

Kari Hirsh, a junior at the George Washington University from Great Neck, N.Y., said she has learned to always rip up her shopping receipts.

Recently, Hirsh received a phone call from her bank about charges on a credit card totaling nearly \$800. But Hirsh said she did not make these charges, nor was her actual credit card stolen.

"I really have no idea what happened," she said. "I just got a call from a bank one day and found out that someone stole my identity and used it to apply for a credit card and then charged things under my name."

Hirsh wrote a letter to the credit card fraud department and was not held accountable for the purchases made using her name.

"I've heard about these things but I never thought it could actually happen to me," she said.

Identity theft, according to the Office of Inspector General, occurs when someone uses someone else's personal identifying information without any knowledge or permission. The information can be used to obtain credit cards, wireless phones and services, loans and mortgages, jobs and to commit fraudulent and criminal acts leaving the naive victim responsible.

Analysts say the growth of the Internet and digital finance, expanding consumer credit worldwide, varying law enforcement on the local and federal levels and the changing regulations governing the credit industry are factors which have helped identity theft become an easier crime to commit.

In 1998, Congress made identity theft a federal crime prompting the Federal Trade Commission to setup a victim assistance center one year later.

According to a recent survey by the Federal Trade Commission, more than 10 million Americans, including 500,000 young adults, were victims of identity theft compared to a half a million in 2002. Experts said they think the increase in the amount of identity theft victims to continue.

From 2002 to 2003, crime rates for identity theft and fraud targeting college students increased more than 80 percent than that of the general population. Nearly 90 percent of identity theft and fraud cases at universities occur unbeknownst to the victim for several months or years in some cases.

College students are easy targets for identity theft according to the Identity Theft Resource Center, a non-profit group which helps victims, consumers, legislators, the

media and law enforcement officials understand the crime and communicate about it.

The ITRC said students may not monitor their credit card bills closely to verify expenses and purchases, which can allow the criminals to go undetected for a long time.

In addition to credit card bills, college students are concerned about thieves getting a hold of social security numbers. Many use their social security numbers on their drivers' licenses. Almost half of all college students have had grades posted by social security numbers, according to the Office of Inspector General.

"Within the university, identity theft prevention is at best a 'porous' filter based entirely on chance and good will," said the ITRC's Web site. "Far too many persons, including other students, have access to personal data file, therefore continuously tempting nefarious persons to execute an identity theft on an unsuspecting student."

Many colleges and universities use students' social security numbers as identification numbers because it is easier and less costly than giving people randomly generated numbers.

"It's a lot easier to match all of the different parts of an application

file to a number rather than a name, especially more generic ones," said Victoria Millet, a freshman admissions counselor at University of Houston. "We don't force people to supply their social security numbers but it makes the matching process easier for everybody."

Millet said that while most students provide their social security numbers willingly, others are more hesitant in fear of identity theft.

While University of Houston has never had a problem with identity theft, Millet said they shred all papers as a precautionary to thwart possible thefts.

Michael Oster, a high school senior in Brookline, Mass., said he is concerned about identity theft, especially now that he is applying to colleges.

"At first, I felt reservations about giving out my social security number to the College Board and various colleges," Oster said. "However, what scares me more than identity theft is a college mixing up my application because I did not give enough identifying information. I guess if I'm going to trust a college with my education, I should be able to trust it with my social security number."

Oster also said that he elected to have a randomly generated number on his driver's license instead

of his social security number.

Tom Lekan, head of security for KeyCorp, one of the nation's largest bank-based financial services, says in a company press release that buying a paper shredder, to shred financial information, and unsolicited credit card offers, which bombard students, is one way they can protect themselves.

Additionally, Lekan recommends students take extra caution in not leaving checkbooks, credit cards or mail lying around dorms or shared living spaces and making sure to carefully read over all credit card and bank statements. Students should only order merchandise online through secure Web sites and make sure that they install and update virus protection programs on personal computers.

Students should also never carry more than a single credit card for planned purchases and only a few checks, not a full checkbook, with only initials printed on them instead of full names.

Lekan also said students should make two copies of personal information cards that may contain social security numbers, like student ID's, drivers' licenses and health insurance cards, and leaving one at home and bringing the other to school.

Schwarzenegger to receive award

By VICTORIA WHITE
The Battalion

California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger will be traveling to Texas A&M later this month to accept a public service award from former President George Bush.

Schwarzenegger will receive the George Bush Award for Excellence in Public Service Nov. 30 in Rudder Auditorium.

The award recognizes excellence in public service at the local, state, national or international levels, said Tom Hughes, deputy director of University relations. Other recipients of the award include former German Chancellor Helmut Kohl, former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev and U.S. Sen. Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts.

Schwarzenegger's work with children, after-school programs and policies passed since achieving the governorship of California, have all been paramount factors in receiving the award, Hughes said.

In 1979, Schwarzenegger was named the International Weight Training Coach of the Special Olympics, and currently serves as global ambassador for the organization. In 1990, Schwarzenegger was appointed chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports by Bush. In 1995, Schwarzenegger founded the Inner City Games Foundation, an after-school and weekend program for children. Schwarzenegger authored Proposition 49, the After-School Education and Safety Act of 2002, which was designed to support after-school programs in California middle schools through state grants.

Nicole McClusky, a junior French major, said she is interested in seeing Schwarzenegger receive the award.

"I think it's a real honor to get to experience the former president delivering an award to Arnold," McClusky said. "I think [Schwarzenegger] is an intelligent man and a great leader. I believe he is the right man for

this award, considering the great things he has done and is doing in California."

Ryan Louth, a sophomore psychology major, said Schwarzenegger is worthy of such an award.

"He has proven that it is still possible to live the American Dream and he is working to make sure that others can realize this dream for themselves as well," Louth said.

Jeremy Dixon, a freshman geophysics major, said he feels apathetic about Schwarzenegger receiving the award.

"I find it ironic that he is receiving this award for service to children because in office his policies are actually hurting public education in California," said Dixon. "He doesn't have to worry about that because his children go to private school."

Bush and Schwarzenegger will speak at the award ceremony, which is to be followed by a private dinner given by Bush in honor of Schwarzenegger.

KERRY-

Just one of our submarines could make a parking lot out of that country if they launched. Secondly, when was the last time you got something from Korea that actually worked?

Now that Bush has been re-elected, we as a country must somehow unite and bite the bullet for another four years. Because of the divisiveness of the American people, no matter who got elected this would be difficult. Democrats and Republicans will engage in a quasi civil war until 2008 when the same thing will happen again. I commend John Kerry for not letting this process drag on like it did four years ago and knowing when to quit. Man, I miss voter apathy.

The NBA is back and ready to take center stage this year

By MICHAEL PETERS

Flashlight Sports Editor

As of Nov. 2, The National Basketball League's 2004-05 Season is officially underway and the excitement is in the air for another great year of basketball.

A little more than four months removed from possibly the greatest upset in NBA Finals history, where the Detroit Pistons single handedly dismantled the dynasty that was the Los Angeles Lakers, four games to one, the NBA is back and ready to entertain its fans for yet another season.

One of this writer's biggest pet peeves in sports is player movement, especially when it comes down to the all mighty buck. Unfortunately, it is part of the game, or should I say the business known as professional sports. Regardless of my distain for this method of transaction, it has made the NBA, in my opinion, a much more competitive league.

Perhaps the biggest player, by name, talent and measurements to change jerseys is Shaquille O'Neal. The eight-year center for the Western Conference champion Lakers was traded to the Miami Heat in a package deal, sending center Lamar Odom to fill the role vacated by O'Neal. This deal is going to have a tremendous impact on both teams involved, as well as their respective conferences. Pairing the unique talents, or in other words, the massiveness of Shaq with sophomore sensation Dwayne Wade makes the Heat automatic contenders for the league crown.

Another sizeable off-season deal occurred when the Orlando Magic sent their second-biggest star in franchise history, Tracy McGrady packing his bags and heading to

Houston in exchange for guards Steve Francis and Cuttino Mobely. They lost their biggest jewel when they failed to resign a man named O'Neal on July 7, 1996. Yes, the same O'Neal.

The Magic did receive a fair amount of talent in exchange for McGrady. Much more so than the empty locker space, they got for Shaq. However, no player in the league can replace McGrady. Both squads will improve with this deal. Of course, improvement is almost an inevitable force when the teams in discussion combined for 66 wins last season.

As talent goes, the Western Conference has dominated the NBA since the falling of the Chicago Bulls dynasty in 1998-99. With the tandem of Kobe Bryant and O'Neal separated, the road to the trophy will no longer go through Los Angeles. I will speak for fans of the remaining 29 teams when I say thank God.

If the road does not pass through L.A., where does it go through?

With it only being Nov. 11, it may be tough to predict the outcome of the NBA, but who knows? I shall give it my best shot.

The Eastern Conference is usually up in the air every season. This year is no exception. The Indiana Pacers, who finished first and the Pistons, who took home the trophy, dominated the conference. As far as the playoff-bound teams, I do not foresee too many differences in the playoff picture in the East come April.

As much as I would like to say the Cleveland Cavaliers are the exception to that prediction, I cannot. Losing power-forward Carlos Boozer will prove costly to the Cavaliers. The Utah Jazz will reap the benefits while Cleveland

spends another year planning their lottery pick.

The Toronto Raptors will be the surprise team of the Eastern Conference. With superstar guard Vince Carter injured last season, the Raptors had a difficult time winning ballgames. In fact, Carter was out one fewer game (32) than Toronto had victories (33). If Carter can stay healthy, I believe Toronto can snag the eight seed come playoff time.

The top-spot in East will be a three-team battle. The Heat and their newfound franchise player, O'Neal, will join the two front-runners from last season, Indiana and Detroit. Although Shaq is a powerful force, the Pistons proved they could beat him and whatever army he has.

Detroit will finish first. Miami and Indiana will finish second and third respectively. The Washington Wizards, New York Knicks, Orlando Magic, Milwaukee Bucks, Toronto Raptors will all make the playoffs in this order.

Note the absence of the New Jersey Nets. Since Kenyon Martin is no longer defending the paint, the Nets will lose their edge in the Eastern Conference and fall out of the playoff hunt. Imagine that, a "K-Mart" is actually hindering the progress of a business and benefiting another, this time in the form of the Denver Nuggets.

The Western Conference should look much different from last year, and every year for that matter. The Minnesota Timber Wolves took their 58-24 record to their first Conference Finals appearance in team history. Being a Timber Wolves fan, it was a bittersweet accomplishment as they lost to the Lakers in six games in what may have been the most anticipated

match-up throughout the playoffs, including the NBA Finals.

Providing point guard Sam Cassell and small forward Wally Szczerbiak can play to their potential and injury free, I believe the Wolves of Minnesota will remain atop the Western Conference and give the championship another shot in the playoffs.

However, it will not be an easy road for Minnesota. Sure, they will be challenged by the usual adversaries, the San Antonio Spurs, the Sacramento Kings, the Houston Rockets and of course the Utah Jazz.

I know, the Utah Jazz. Shake your heads now, but they will be a strong force out West. With the addition of Boozer, forward Andrei Kirilenko will finally have a teammate worthy of receiving the ball. This tandem, although young will be subtly explosive. The two men are quiet. They do not thrive on attention like most of the young players in the NBA. It is refreshing and should be fun to watch. In a way, the two may turn out to be the Karl Malone and John Stockton of the new century. The Jazz, ousted from the playoff bracket by the Denver Nuggets, were 42-40 last season. Look for the Jazz to finish fourth in the West this year.

Speaking of the Nuggets, they will be a team to beat this season. With sophomore sensation Carmelo Anthony, point guard Andre Miller, and newly acquired power forward Martin, Denver will make a run at the number one seed, but fall short to the Wolves and the ever so powerful Tim Duncan and his Spurs who will finish

second in the Conference.

The Lakers? Yeah, they will make the playoffs, like every other year, but will have to fight for their survival at the number six spot.

Surrounding the Lakers will be the Dallas Mavericks at five, the Houston Rockets at seven and the Phoenix Suns closing out the playoff bracket with the eight seed.

Oh, the fun does not end with my playoff picks. Oh no. There is still the matter of the Conference and the NBA champions.

The Timber Wolves will meet Duncan's Spurs in the Western Conference Championship. The Spurs, who have won two NBA crowns in the last six seasons, will put up quite a fight, but Kevin Garnett and Latrell Sprewell will be too much talent for San Antonio to handle, as the Wolves will win the Western Conference title in six games.

The Eastern Conference finals will come down to the Detroit Pistons and the Miami Heat. As much as I hate to say it, the Pistons will fold to O'Neal this year and the Heat will represent the East as they battle the Timber Wolves for the NBA Championship.

Revenge will be sweet as Minnesota beats the Heat their first crown in their 16-year franchise history.

Each of the 30 teams is full of energy. Everyone should take part in the festivities this year and be indulged in the NBA. Besides, after the National Football League season ends, what are you going to watch, Hockey?

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Who is the team to beat in the National Football League this season?

Pittsburgh Steelers (7-1)

New York Jets (6-2)

New England Patriots (7-1)

Philadelphia Eagles (7-1)

Atlanta Falcons (6-2)

This Week In Sports: St. Louis Cardinals; World Series Chumps

By TED MINNER
Flashlight Sports Writer

The big story in baseball this year was the Boston Red Sox. They finally shattered "The Curse" and won their first World Series since 1918. But, last time I checked they had to beat another team after the Yankees to win it all. Whatever happened to the St. Louis Cardinals?

The Cardinals were an offensive juggernaut that was to slug it out with the Red Sox in the World Series. Instead, they became a small side note in the Red Sox victory. More precisely, the Cardinals can be compared to the 1980 Finland Olympic hockey team. Why you ask? Every American knows about the 1980 "Miracle on Ice" when the Americans beat the Russians, but they did not win the gold by beating the Russians, they had to beat Finland a few days later. The 2004 St. Louis Cardinals and the 1980 Finland Olympic hockey team, two great teams that are nothing more than a footnote in sports history.

The Cardinals were not supposed to fold in the World Series. They had faced tough pitching all post-season and there was no reason to

believe they would not be able to hit the Red Sox rotation. They had to face Roger Clemens, Roy Oswalt and Brad Lidge in the National League Championship Series. In the first round, they had to face Eric Gagne, Jose Lima, Jeff Weaver and Odalis Perez. These are some of the best hurlers in the National League right now. And how did they handle them? Ortiz only lasted three innings, allowing five runs and seven hits. Weaver pitched four and two-thirds innings, allowing six runs and eight hits. Perez pitched five innings in two appearances, allowing eight runs, eight hits and four homeruns. Overall, Los Angeles had a team ERA of 5.28 and Houston had a team ERA of 4.91.

The Cardinals hitters were scoring runs left and right in the post-season prior to the World Series. In the first round of the playoffs they eliminated the Dodgers in four games. In those four games they scored 22 runs and hit seven homeruns. Individually: Larry Walker batted .333, scored six runs and hit two homeruns, Albert Pujols batted .333, scored four runs, knocked in five and cranked two homers and lastly Edgar Renteria batted .455,

scored four runs and had four RBIs. In the NLCS against Houston, the offense continued to roll. In the seven game set, the Cardinals scored 34 runs and hit eleven homeruns. Individually: Jim Edmonds batted

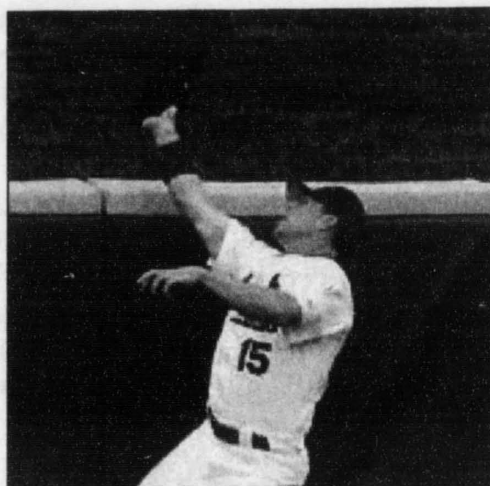


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St. Louis Cardinals center fielder, Jim Edmonds is a six-time Gold Glove Award winner. He was a major offensive weapon in the Cardinal lineup in 2004.

.292, hit two homeruns and knocked in seven runs, Scott Rolen hit .310, scored six runs, knocked in six runs and hit three homeruns, Larry Walker hit two homeruns, scored six runs and knocked in five, and last but not least Albert Pujols batted a cool .500, knocked in nine runs, scored ten, hit four homeruns

and accumulated 28 total bases. Pujols was named the NLCS Most Valuable Player.

The problem was when the Cardinals reached the World Series; the championship game had already been played in many people's minds. Beating the Cardinals was just a technicality for the Red Sox, and the Cardinals played that way. Their pitching staff was dismantled and their bats never showed up. Even All-Stars like Pujols, Rolen, Edmonds and Walker could do anything to help. In the World Series the Cardinals pitching staff's ERA ballooned to 6.09 and the team batted an anemic .190. Not a single player could do much about it either. Rolen, an All-Star third baseman and the Card's cleanup hitter, was held hitless and not just for one game, but for the entire series! NLCS MVP, Pujols was able to make contact but not at opportune times. Edmonds only scored one run, did not knock in a single run the entire series and did not hit a homerun. Edmonds was completely ineffective against the Red Sox pitching staff. Edmonds only got one hit off the Boston hurler's, scored only twice and did not knock in a run. As a team, the Cardinals only managed 24 hits, 12 runs and eight RBIs in the four-game sweep.

The St. Louis pitching staff did not fare well in the series either. As

a team Boston batted .283 while scoring 24 runs in the short series. Starters Jason Marquis, Jeff Supan, Matt Morris and Woody Williams were hammered by the Boston bats. Williams only lasted two and one-third of an inning, allowing seven runs, eight hits, while walking three. Morris and Supan each only went four plus innings, each allowing four runs. Only a few bullpen pitchers proved effective as a pack of Rolands would have provided more relief than Julian Tavarez, Cal Eldred and Kiko Calero.

Overall, the Cardinals were outplayed in every aspect in the World Series. It is such a pity though. With the all the stars and great players the Cardinals and Red Sox have, the two teams could have provided a fireworks display that would put most Fourth of July shows to shame. This World Series will undoubtedly be remembered for the Red Sox win, but it could also be remembered for what it could have been. The bright side for Cardinals fans is that this is just the beginning for this team. The Red Sox may have won, but they were built to win now. Many of their key players may be leaving this off-season. Most of the Cardinals key players are young and locked into long-term contracts. A few key additions to their pitching staff could have the Cardinals right back in the World Series next year, this time as the favorites.

Picks of the Week

Week 10

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	(78-52)	(75-55)	(76-54)	(78-52)	(83-47)
Chiefs @ Saints	Chiefs	Chiefs	Saints	Chiefs	Chiefs
Ravens @ Jets	Jets	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Jets
Lions @ Jaguars	Lions	Lions	Jaguars	Jaguars	Jaguars
Bucs @ Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons
Steelers @ Browns	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Seahawks @ Rams	Rams	Seahawks	Rams	Seahawks	Rams
Bears @ Titans	Bears	Bears	Bears	Titans	Titans
Texans @ Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts
Bengals @ Redskins	Redskins	Redskins	Bengals	Bengals	Redskins
Vikings @ Packers	Vikings	Vikings	Vikings	Packers	Packers
Giants @ Cardinals	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants	Giants
Panthers @ 49ers	Panthers	Panthers	Panthers	49ers	49ers
Bills @ Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Bills	Patriots	Patriots
Eagles @ Cowboys	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles

This Week In Mountie Sports

	Thursday 11/11	Friday 11/12	Saturday 11/13	Sunday 11/14	Monday 11/15	Tuesday 11/16	Wednesday 11/17
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Mountaineer men and women outrun half the pack at IUP

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

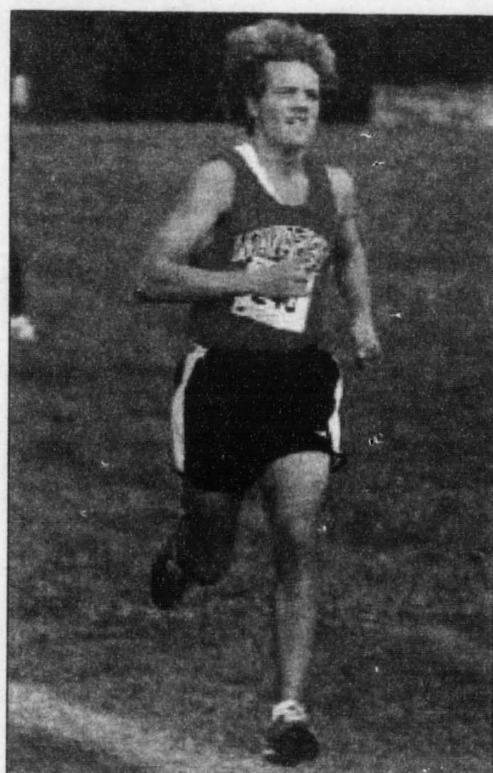
The Mansfield University cross-country teams competed at the East Regional on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP). Junior Charity Learn earned her second career berth to the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division II National Cross Country Championship for the Mountaineers.

Learn ran the course in a time of 21:23, good for third place. Only Julie Nemergut of Edinboro, with a time of 20:29 and Mindy Sawtelle of IUP, with a time of 20:43, finished ahead of Learn. The achievement placed an exclamation point on the season for Learn. She achieved All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference recognition and qualified for the national meet as a freshman. Yet fighting through injuries last season, Learn gritted her way to gaining All-PSAC honors but came up short of nationals. This year, she managed her third consecutive All-PSAC season and has now reached the national meet once again.

Mansfield University cross-country coach Michael Rohl was overjoyed for his junior runner. "That was the best race I have ever seen her run," Rohl said. "I was so excited for her."

The NCAA Division II National Cross Country Championship will take place Saturday, Nov. 20, in Evansville, Indiana.

Sophomores Robyn Ireland and Jenna Phillips posted strong finishes as well for Mansfield. Ireland placed 84th, putting



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Sophomore standout Chris Cummings ran at IUP with a foot injury on Saturday.

up a time of 24:51, while Phillips finished 88th, with a time of 25:05.

On the men's side, sophomore Chris Cummings led the way and finished in 27th place. Cummings ran despite suffering a foot injury during practice the Monday before the race and was unable to practice Tuesday through Thursday. Richard Correll placed 53rd for Mansfield, posting a time of 34:49.

The Mountaineer women completed the competition in 16th place out of 25 teams. The men's team finished tied for 13th overall out of 26 teams.

MANSFIELD 11/3 - Mansfield University standout Alissa Gallagher (Clarks Summit/Abington Heights) has been named to the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) All-PSAC Field Hockey team. The teams, selected by the PSAC head coaches, was announced by the conference today.

led the Mountaineers, and ranked 14th in the PSAC, in goals this season with eight. Just a sophomore, Gallagher also scored seven goals her freshman season.

The daughter of Mary and Tim Gallagher of Clarks Summit, Gallagher is also a PSAC and MU Presidential Scholar-Athlete.

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Selected to Second Team Alissa Gallagher (right) led the honors at forward, Gallagher Mountaineers with eight goals.



Mansfield University Senior Athletes

Flashlight Sports would like to congratulate the following seniors for their hard work over the years in the Mountaineer athletic program.

Football

Luke Alex
Brian DeCecco
Joe Frick
Drew Grieshober
Lucas Ingersoll
Corey Mishura
Jason Twedt

Joe Bennett
Chris Farris
Ryan Geishauser
Daricus Haynes
Ryan McClellan
Mike Reed
Eddie Van Buren

Field Hockey

Kristen Campbell
Chelsea Phillips
Marc Fureman
Ashley Celaschi
Marc Lippert

Soccer

Nina Lucero

On behalf of all of the students, alumni and fans of Mansfield University and its athletic programs:

Thank you for all the memories in your respective sports.
We wish all of you the best of luck in all your future endeavors.

Learn earns Division II national championship bid

INDIANA Pa. 11/6 - Mansfield University's Charity Learn (Troy/Mansfield) earned a trip to the NCAA Division II National Cross-Country Championship with a third place finish at the East Regional at IUP on Saturday afternoon.

Learn finished with a time of 21:23 just behind Edinboro's Julie Nemergut's winning time of 20:59 in a field of 172 runners. She will now compete at the NCAA Division II National Championship in Evansville, IN on Nov. 20.

Also finishing in the top 100 for the Mountaineer women were Robyn Ireland (84th, 24:51) and Jenna Phillips (88th, 25:05). The women finished 16 overall in team scoring out of 25 teams.

On the men's side, Chris Cummings led

the Mountaineers finishing 27th overall with a time of 233:38 in a field of 185. Richard Correll was 53rd overall at 34:49.

The Mountaineer men finished 13th overall.



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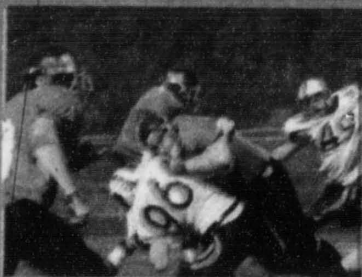
Learn finished third at IUP last Saturday

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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2004

Mansfield University suffers a 41-7 defeat at the hands of the East Stroudsburg Warriors

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University football team closed out the 2004 season with a 41-7 loss to the nationally ranked East Stroudsburg Warriors on Saturday, Nov. 6 at Karl Van Norman Field.

It was Senior Day for Mansfield as the 14 seniors on the roster were honored in ceremonies prior to the game. Luke Alex, Joe Bennett, Brian DeCecco, Chris Farris, Joe Frick, Ryan Geishauser, Drew Grieshaber, Daricus Haynes, Lucas Ingersoll, Ryan McClellan, Corey Mishura, Mike Reed, Jason Twedt and Eddie Van Buren all suited up for the last time for the Mountaineers.

The appearance of Bennett was the most notable. The wide receiver that holds the Mansfield record for most career receiving yards was lost for the season with a broken collarbone in the West Chester game on Oct. 16. Bennett appeared on Mansfield's first offensive play from scrimmage, wearing no. 24 of former Mansfield receiver and Bennett's brother, Dan. After the play, Bennett came off the field one final time to a rousing ovation.

Before the Mansfield offense could even get out on the field though, the East Stroudsburg offense spotted their team a 7-0 lead. Sophomore quarterback Jim Terwilliger completed three passes for 56 yards on the drive. The first two, both to running back Anthony Carfagno, pushed the ball down to the Mansfield 22-yard line. From there Terwilliger found wide receiver Tim Strenfel, who came into the game leading the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference averaging 127 receiving yards per game, for a 22 yard touchdown to make the score 7-0.

Mansfield picked up one first down on their first offensive possession before disaster struck in the form of the Mountaineers' 27th turnover of the season. Quarterback David Fetzer, starting in place of injured signal caller Matt Hildebrand, threw an interception to Tyree Townes of the Warriors to set up ESU at the Warriors 45-yard line.

Terwilliger again led the Warriors down the field but the Mansfield defense stood strong and forced a 21-yard field goal by kicker Mark Brubaker to increase the East

line, Terwilliger found Evan Prall for a 43-yard gain deep into Mansfield territory. On third and 15 from the Mansfield 22-yard line, it was the Terwilliger to Prall connection working again, this time from 22 yards away to make East Stroudsburg's advantage 17-0.

Just before the quarter ended though, the Mountaineers were forced to endure another injury at the quarterback position. Fetzer suffered an upper body injury and was lost for the remainder of the game, becoming the third Mansfield quarterback to have his season ended due to injury. Wide receiver Donnie McDonough, who had played quarterback in high school, came in to replace Fetzer.

The Mansfield drive came to a halt and kicker Sean Hair's 32-yard field goal attempt was blocked. East Stroudsburg quickly scored again, this time on the strength of the running game, as Carfagno powered in from two yards out to increase the Warriors advantage to 24-0.

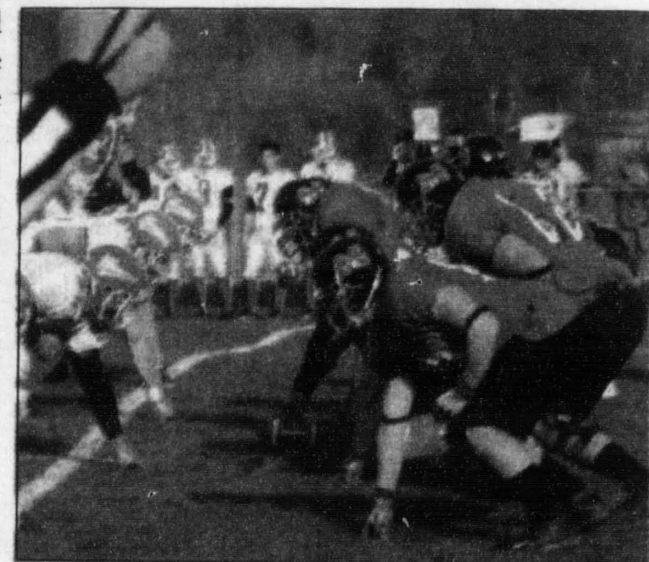
Mansfield answered right back, driving down to the ESU five-yard line behind 49 yards from tailback Earnest McNeal, but the Mountaineers came away scoreless when a fake field goal attempt on fourth down failed. East Stroudsburg moved down the field again but Mansfield stopped the Warriors when Mansfield linebacker Andre Turner at the Mansfield four-yard line, keeping the score at 24-0 at the half, picked off Terwilliger.

The Mountaineers gave the Senior Day crowd hope on their first series of the second half. McDonough found McNeal for Mansfield's only score of the day, a 28-yard touchdown pass to cut the lead to 24-7. East Stroudsburg responded by closing the door on Mansfield with back-to-back touchdowns. On fourth and two,

Carfagno stormed 15 yards into the end zone to make the score 31-7. After a scoreless Mansfield possession, Terwilliger hit Carfagno with a short pass, and the back did the rest, going all the way for a 60-yard touchdown that left Mansfield with a 38-7 deficit heading into the final stanza of the 2004 campaign.

ESU tried to open the quarter with another score, but two Mansfield seniors combined to end that chance. Joe Frick got credit for knocking the ball away from Strenfel and Daricus Haynes made the recovery. Mansfield's last scoring chance of the season came to a close when McDonough was intercepted by Michael Wiggins at the ESU 19-yard line. East Stroudsburg added a 47-yard Brubaker field goal late in the quarter to account for the final margin.

Terwilliger threw for 373 yards and three touchdowns to pace the Warriors. Prall had nine



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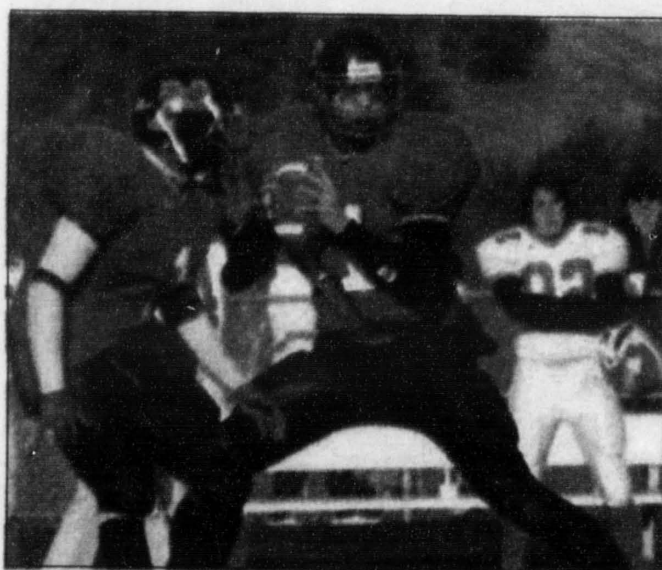
After an 8-3 finish in the 2003 season, the Mansfield University Mountaineers finished the season with a 1-9 overall record. Mansfield will look to regroup in the offseason to become the dominant force they were last year in the PSAC East.

catches for 167 yards and a touchdown. McNeal led the Mounties in the defeat, rushing for a season-high 152 yards on 25 carries in addition to the 28-yard receiving touchdown.

Mansfield dropped to 1-9 on the season and 1-5 in the PSAC East with the defeat while ESU improved to 9-1 overall and 5-1 in the conference. The Warriors also locked up a first round bye in the National Collegiate Athletic Association Division II Playoffs and will host the winner of Bentley College vs. Edinboro University on Saturday, Nov. 20.

PSAC Football Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
West Chester	6-0	8-3	.727	Shippensburg	5-1	9-1	.900
E. Stroudsburg	5-1	8-2	.800	Edinboro	5-1	8-2	.800
Bloomsburg	4-2	7-3	.700	IUP	5-1	7-3	.700
Millersville	3-3	5-5	.500	California	2-4	6-4	.600
Kutztown	2-4	4-6	.400	Slippery Rock	2-4	4-7	.364
Mansfield	1-5	1-9	.100	Clarion	1-5	3-8	.273
Cheney	0-6	1-10	.090	Lock Haven	1-5	3-8	.273



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Mansfield University backup quarterback Donnie McDonough was called upon to finish the last quarter of the Mountaineer football season. McDonough threw four completions for 97 yards and one touchdown.

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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ♦ VOLUME 85, ISSUE 11 ♦ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004

Budgeting conflicts cause problems with funding Student activities have become limited as a result of unresolved budgeting

By ERICA HUDOCK
Flashlight News Co-Editor

Budget conflicts concerning organizational funding have resulted in limited student activities on campus this year. The Mansfield Activities Council (MAC), an organization within the Student Activities department, has seen a significant drop in their funding from the Committee on Finance for the 2004-05 year.

Advisor for MAC and Director for Student Activities, Clarence Crisp, is concerned for the future of MAC because the committee is not able to provide the activities they have in the past.

MAC has worked to bring entertainers to the Hut on campus among many other activities, and also provide complimentary pizza and soda to students. Crisp likes to cover admission and food costs to give students a place to relax without worrying about the costs.

"If students have to keep paying, they'll stop coming," Crisp said. "It also gives them another option beside going out to party."

The Committee on Finance (COF), a 14 member sub-committee of the Student Government Association, controls the distribution of funds compiled from the Student Activity Fee. The committee takes charge to "allocate and monitor funds to promote general academic and social welfare of the campus," said advisor Shari Clarke. Each registered student contributes to this funding through an Activity Fee in their

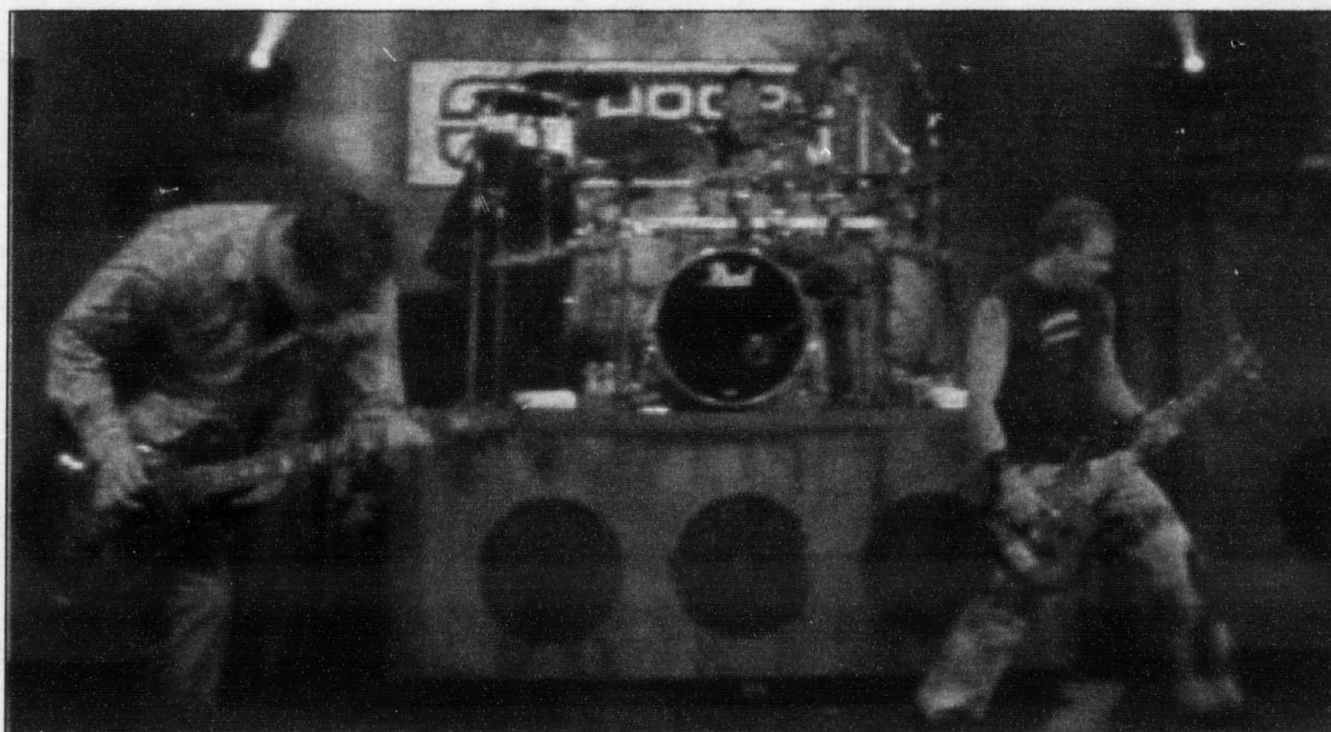


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Last fall, the Mansfield Activities Counsel sponsored a concert performed by the band 3 Doors Down in Decker Gymnasium.

tuition. For full-time students, those taking 12 or more credits, this fee is automatically \$150. Those taking 7-11 credits contribute \$75 for the year.

For the 2004-05 school year, approximately \$25,000 was requested for student activities, but only received \$1,540 for the entire year, according to Crisp. MAC already had a bill for about \$1,000 that needed to be paid, leaving less than half the amount of what they were granted, said Crisp. MAC received their requested \$20,000 for the 2003-04 academic year.

"We're going to be looking at a [financially] thin spring," Crisp said. "We spend more time fundraising than doing activities."

Because of the drop in funding,

Crisp is not only concerned for the inability to provide activities and services to students, he also sees the future of MAC diminishing.

"Counsel could be going down the tubes if we don't get the funding and support," Crisp said. "This problem affects everybody, including the students."

In response to such problems, the COF holds firm to their system.

"The Committee on Finance takes their position very seriously," Clarke said. "They are just strictly enforcing their guidelines."

Specific criteria in the committee by-laws are used by the committee to determine which organizations receive funding and how much is allocated for the year. The

organization requesting the funds must first be recognized by the university, have an approved constitution, follow and correctly fill out all budget request forms by the deadline, be in compliance with the regulations of the state system of higher education, and have complied with the committee of finance student expenditures regulations. The event in need of funding must also be an event or effort that will benefit the campus as a whole. No allocations will be granted under generalized terms, or if the request is incomplete or improperly prepared. Also in the by-laws, when an organization's expenditures exceed the given amount, they receive a penalization in the amount requested for

the following fiscal year.

According to Clarke, there are 100 recognized student organizations who all have an equal opportunity to request funding. The committee also helps fund the music department and MU athletics.

When an organization contacts the COF for financial support, they review the request in advance, decide if the event will benefit the student body, and in the event of refusal, make suggestions to help the organization, according to Clarke. When organizations can show "a good faith effort to support themselves", then the committee is more willing to offer financial assistance, Clarke said.

Detailed budgeting is the most important and critical process that organizations must go through to receive proper funding. COF Treasurer, Calvin Ruthven, reinforces the need for cooperation with this process.

"We penalize for mistakes [in proposed budgets]," Ruthven said.

For this year, much of the money disbursed by the COF has been through a "loan" as compared to "granted" funding. According to Ruthven, a final 2004-05 budget has yet to be approved for MAC.

Recently, MAC has requested funding for a 'Spring Fling' and concert for next semester. It is currently waiting approval.

"[The COF] have been and will continue to work with MAC," said Ruthven.



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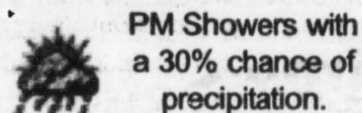
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Weekly Weather



TODAY



PM Showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 58° Low: 40°

FRIDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 48° Low: 31°

SATURDAY



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 48° Low: 39°

SUNDAY



Showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 57° Low: 34°

MONDAY



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 43° Low: 25°

TUESDAY



Partly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 41° Low: 27°

WEDNESDAY



Rain/snow showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 45° Low: 30°

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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **Blood Drive** will be held in Alumni Multi-purpose room on Nov. 16 from noon until 6 p.m.

★ **Readings from *Edge City 2004* the current issue of MU Student literary Magazine Tuesday Nov. 16 from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m. in 104 Belknap hall.** Pizza will be provided. Featured readers include Joe Calahan, Joseph King, Josh Wooten and a Noel Swasta impersonator. All sharp, now, straight-forward, writing--remarkable collection of angels on one stage reading their poetry and prose. **No Charge** for this charming event. Sponsored by the MU XI Literary Society contact Dr. Ulrich at x4585 for more information.

★ **Mansfield University Theatre presents *The Misty Recollections***, an original work by S. Dale Alden at Straughn Auditorium on Nov. 11, 12, 13 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 14 at 2 p.m. General admission is \$5, children and seniors will be charged \$4 and Mansfield University students will be charged \$2 with ID.

★ **The Admissions staff is currently seeking friendly, enthusiastic students to conduct campus tours.** For more information, call Tam Soderberg at 662-4814. Training will be provided. Students interested in conducting tours must be available from 10:15 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 3.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **PRSSA welcomes all majors.** Meetings will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Tuesdays in room 317 of A.H.U.B. The Public Relations Student Society hopes to give its members insight into how the field of Public Relations works by giving them hands on experience in community and university projects.

★ **Alternative Spring Break Experience?** United Campus Ministry will be taking MU students to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this spring break (March 5-13, 2005). To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

American Cancer Society provides information night for students

MANSFIELD, PA - American Cancer Society is hosting an information night at 7 p.m. until 9 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 18 at Jazzman's Café, in A.H.U.B.

Several special guests featured at the event. A representative from American Cancer Society, cancer survivors, Colleges Against Cancer, and Zeta Tau Alpha will be present at the event. These organizations donate their time and efforts to help in the fight against cancer.

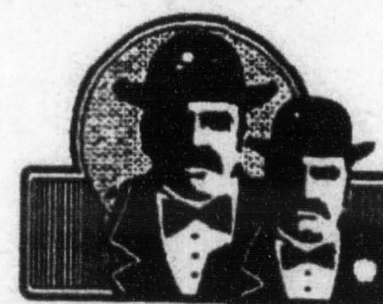
"American Cancer Society needs volunteers of all ages that are dedicated to battle the dreadful disease known as cancer. We hope that this event will show the audience how they can help us win the fight against cancer," Chris Hare, the income development specialist for American Cancer Society, said.

Come and help in the fight against cancer. There will be opportunities to sign up for Relay For Life, Daffodil Days and Colleges Against Cancer. Fight for a cure now, to save a life in the future.

The American Cancer Society is the nationwide community-based voluntary health organization dedicated to eliminating cancer as a major health problem by preventing cancer, saving lives, and diminishing suffering from cancer, through research, education, advocacy, and service.

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New Fraternity chapter recognized by MU

By DARRIN DENMON

Special to the Flashlight

The Mansfield Interest Group in Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) became an official fraternity at a ceremony in North Manser on November 9.

The 8p.m. ceremony lasted an hour and was attended by approximately 100 people. Among those in attendance were Mike Corelli SAE national council representative and Providence Arcon Ray Zuhl, who is in charge of all mid-Atlantic SAE fraternities. Corelli spoke to the audience about the significance of being a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while Zuhl gave words of encouragement to the new colony.

The 17 "founding fathers" of SAE were then led into the room by representatives

of Sigma Alpha Epsilon of Bucknell University and were presented with symbolic pins representing their national acceptance as an official colony.

Patrick Ulmer, a "founding father" of Mansfield SAE, has been with the group since its inception as an interest group.

"Only two percent of SAE brothers have ever experienced what we have experienced tonight," Ulmer said. "It was a once in a lifetime experience." Jake Schoch member of SAE spoke about the fraternity with optimism.

"It's a great group of guys" Schoch said. "I love what we do, but there is a lot more to come." With seventeen members, Sigma Alpha Epsilon becomes the largest social fraternity recognized by Mansfield University.

Second annual 'MU Idol' showcased local talent

By ERICK MURLAND

Special to the Flashlight

The All Residence Hall Council (ARHC) hosted the second annual Mansfield Idol at the Kelchner Fitness Center last Thursday evening.

Categories for the karaoke contest included best female performer, best male performer, and best group performance. Building staff member, Leia Wilkinson, commented on the performances.

"The majority of the talent was good with room for improvement. However, for some of the talent there was just no hope," Wilkinson said.

Cougar Entertainment provided the sound system and karaoke services and the organizers gave away over 60 door prizes. Gift certificates were awarded from Arby's, Domino's Pizza, Wendy's, KFC/Taco Bell, Frankie Flatlander's Café, and the Campus Bookstore. A \$25.00 flex dollar gift certificate was drawn at 9:30p.m. and the drawing for a DVD player was done at midnight.

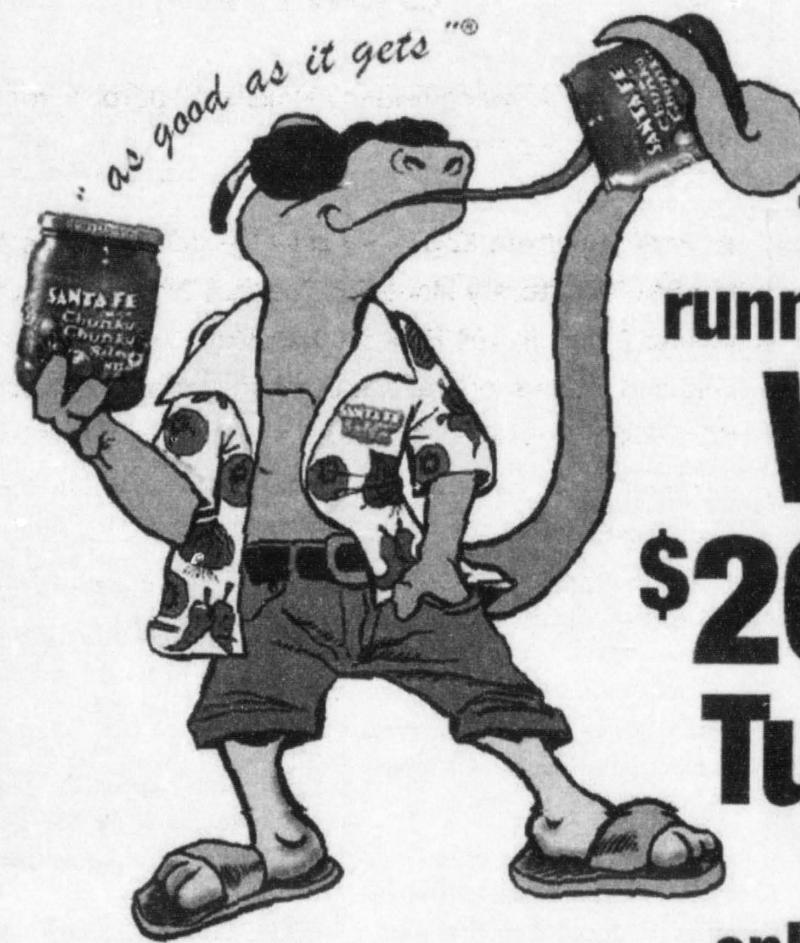
"This event was good for the students to get out and have a good time," Wilkinson said.

A team spokesperson for the group Lil' Beth and Shaquille O'Neal's White Cousins, felt confident in that they would have an exciting performance.

"We're going to bang bang on the door baby," the spokesperson said. Lil' Beth and the Cousins are a quartet based in Cedarcrest and performed "Love Shack" by the B-52's.

The best duo group winners with 52 points out of a possible 60 were Ryan Yurkiewicz and Brandon Navrocki singing Nelly's "Hot in Herre." There was a tie for the best solo male. The winners were Ryan Brown singing "The way you make me feel" and Darris Deremer singing "You raise me up." They both received 56 out of 60 points. The best solo female performance went to Anna Yallenic for her performance of "Witchcraft." Yallenic scored 54 out of 60 possible points. Each winner was awarded 3 Arcadia Theater tickets.

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News in a flash: News of the Region

By SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight News Co-Editor

New York State - Governor George Pataki has vetoed the New York State Legislature's plan to end Albany's chronically late state budgets. Albany has had 20 consecutive years of late state budgets. This year's budget was not adopted until Aug. 11, more than four months past deadline. Pataki says that provision would allow legislators to disregard the executive budget he releases in January and pass their own budget starting each May first.

BATH, N.Y. - The village will keep its full-time police dispatch services, and the police station will remain open at night. Bath officials tackled the issue after police and union officials warned the proposal to eliminate part-time and night dispatchers could have a dramatic effect on the safety of residents and officers.

ITHACA, N.Y. - Convicted child molester, Michael Dunham, was back in court on Friday. He is currently serving 14 years in state prison for sexually abusing 10 boys in Cortland County, while working for the STAR Program in Cortland County and for the Mental Health Association in Tompkins County. Dunham received an additional 7-year sentence, for molesting a Tompkins County boy, on Friday. Dunham also faces sentencing for sexual abuse misdemeanor charges in Lansing and Dryden. He allegedly abused two other Tompkins County boys. The District Attorney says he faces a year in jail for each of those charges. Dunham will also be ranked on the state's list as a level three sex offender.

BEAVER DAMS, N.Y. - A family was left homeless after a woodstove caused a fire that destroyed a home on Beaver Avenue early Monday morning. Firefighters from Beaver Dams, North Corning, Watkins Glen, Montour Falls and Tompkins fought the blaze.

Miraculously, there were no injuries, in the fire.

ELMIRA, N.Y. - A case of hepatitis A was identified Monday in Chemung County. The outbreak can be traced back to a food worker at Maple Lawn Dairy Family Restaurant diagnosed last week with hepatitis A. Page said patrons who ate at the restaurant between Sept. 26 and Oct. 10 might have been exposed. The Health Department is advising a trip to the doctor for anyone who ate at the restaurant between those dates - or visited the food pantry on Nov. 6 - and is experiencing symptoms such as fatigue, fever, poor appetite, abdominal pain, diarrhea, dark urine or yellowing of skin and eyes. A blood test can confirm if a person has contracted the illness.

ITHACA, N.Y. Cornell University scientists produced their first simulated earthquake on Monday. They say the new \$2 million earthquake research center will help them test how well water lines, electrical cables, fuel lines, and communications cables can withstand forces exerted by the shifting earth.

TIOGA COUNTY, Pa. - A parent of a seventh grade student questioned the board of directors at Southern Tioga School District about a book that her son has been required to read for an English class at North Penn High School. The book, "The Giver," by Lois Lowry, is number 14 on the American Library Association's list of 100 most challenged books of the 1990s. Other parents, submitted letters claiming that the content of the book "concerns" them. The book deals with issues of infanticide, suicide and euthanasia. Parents also claim that the book contains "objectionable sexual descriptions of children bathing each other as well as descriptions of the murder of infants and elderly people and suicide."

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What in the world

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer
and

SARAH STOERMER
Flashlight News Co-Editor

LONDON, England - Boris Johnson a prominent politician and journalist has been fired due to a sex scandal spokespersons announced Saturday. Johnson has been fired as the conservative party's vice chairman and arts spokesman due to allegations of an affair that are due to run in the newspaper Sunday.

FALLUJA, Iraq - In the north-western section of Falluja citizens collected water and food that were being passed out in mosques. The Red Cross and other groups have attempted to send food and other items into the city, but they are not getting past blockades a spokesman reported. The items were sent back by the U.S. military and the Iraqi government.

CAPETOWN, South Africa - Monday an elderly South African woman was killed by a great white shark off the Coast of Capetown. The shark is estimated to be about 18 feet long. The shark circled her then attacked her 15 witnesses reported. All that was left was her little red bathing cap. Citizens are being warned not to swim along the area of the Cape of Good Hope.

MADRID, Spain - A 16-year old boy pleaded guilty to carrying explosives used in Madrid terror bombings that killed 191 people, on Tuesday. He was sentenced to six years in a juvenile detention center and five years probation.

UNITED NATIONS - A 13-month arms embargo on the Ivory Coast was imposed by the U.N. Security Council. Rioting between government officials and rebel forces prompted the intervention of French troops and evacuations of foreign nationals earlier this month.



SEATTLE, Wa. - People who are depressed by the re-election of President Bush are receiving a boost of support from the North. Rudi Kischer, an immigration lawyer from Vancouver, British Columbia encouraging disgruntled Americans to move to Canada. The day after Bush's re-election the Canadian immigration website had 115,000 hits from America alone; a large boost from its normal 20,000 hits. There were so many hits that a Vancouver based Internet company set up a new website so people can learn about Canada and possibly move there.

LAS VEGAS, Nv. - Leaving behind family members a Cuban based theatre group is defying their government and attempted to seek asylum here in the United States. The 43 members that sing, dance, and play music planned on putting in their request Monday morning at a Las Vegas courthouse. There are seven additional cast members also seeking asylum who will arrive from Germany within the week.

NEW YORK, N.Y. - Star Jones, co-host of ABC's "The View" was married in a Park Avenue bash to banker Al Reynolds. There were many famous faces at the event that ranged from Spike Lee to senator Hillary Clinton. The wedding lasted until 8pm then moved to the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel for the reception.

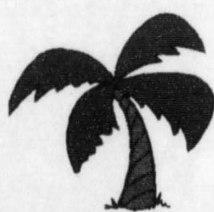
LOS ANGELES, Ca. - NASA researchers are looking to leave behind a milestone set in March. The researchers launched an experimental jet that reached a speed of about 5,000 mph. Researches are hoping to launch x-43A "scramjet" that is expected to reach speeds up to 7,000 mph.

SAN ANTONIO, Tx. - A plane carrying a pair of fathers and their sons crashed Sunday afternoon after trying to land in bad weather. The plane crashed near a senior citizens complex leaving a wing embedded in the side of one of the apartments. The names have not yet been released.

MIAMI, Fl. - Two students were found dead in a minivan parked along a Florida roadside. The van was discovered with the windows fogged, a taillight out, and the engine still running. It was confirmed that the students died from Carbon Monoxide poisoning. The police said it looked as if they simply just fell asleep. The students attended Florida International University and were both very involved and had many friends.

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The Mansfield University Concert Wind Ensemble performs Sunday, Nov. 21

The Mansfield University Concert Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Adam F. Brennan, will perform in concert on Sunday, November 21, at 3 p.m. in Steadman Theatre. The concert is the culmination of the group's annual performance tour, which will also include the recording of a CD to be titled American Portraits.

The concert will include the performance of a new song composed by Rochester, NY vocalist and composer Cindy Miller entitled The Land That We Love. The work will premiere as a wind ensemble work with Miller serving as the guest soloist.

The tune has been played with a jazz combo and was performed at 9/11 memorial ceremonies by the MU Spirit and Pride of Pennsylvania Marching Band last September. In this latest incarnation, Brennan created a new arrangement scored for

wind ensemble and Miller. "It is really a wonderfully moving song," Brennan said. "I am sure it will please any listener and Ms. Miller's vocal talents make it even more spectacular."

Along with Miller, the concert and CD will feature MU Assistant Professor of Music Douglas Crowder performing Alfred Reed's The Pledge of Allegiance. This will be backed up on the recording with the wind ensemble instrumentalists, coached by Crowder, serving as a choir.

A third work, Aaron Copland's Lincoln Portrait will be recorded and narrated by Bob Scott, music information director at MU.

Other works scheduled for performance and the CD include Dan Welcher's Songs Without Words (five movements), Donald

Grantham's Farewell to Grey and Mark Camphouse's A Movement for Rosa.

Additional works will be conducted by Brennan and four of the university's Master of Conducting degree graduate students: Katie Houseknecht, Amanda Leffler, Brian Nivison and Wendy Savoy. They will include Prokofiev's Opus 99 March, John Barnes Chance's Incantation and Dance, The Minute Man March by Robert Pearson, Alfred Reed's The Hounds of Spring, Ron Nelson's Aspen Jubilee and Joseph Wilcox Jenkins' American Overture for Band.

Tickets for the concert are \$12 for adults, \$10 for senior citizens and \$8 for students. MU students with valid I.D. will be admitted free. Tickets may be purchased online at <http://music.mansfield.edu> or by calling (570) 662-4710. Tickets will also be available at the door.

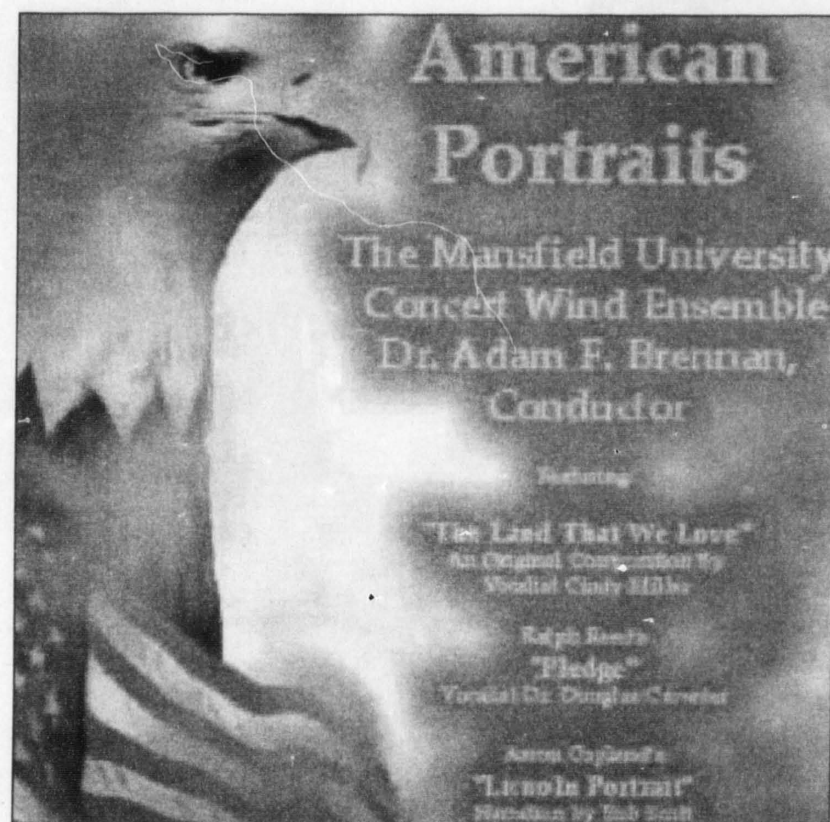


PHOTO FROM MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY PUBLIC RELATIONS
Sunday, November 21 is the culmination of the group's annual performance tour.

SAE Colonization From Russia with love

By DARRIN DENMON

Special to the Flashlight

The colonization of Mansfield Interest Group in Sigma Alpha Epsilon (SAE) into a fraternity took place at a ceremony on November 9 in North Manser.

The 8pm ceremony, which lasted an hour, was attended by approximately 100 people. Among those in attendance were Mike Corelli SAE national council representative and Providence Arcon Ray Zuhl, who is in charge of all mid-Atlantic SAE fraternities. Corelli spoke to the audience about the significance of being a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, while Zuhl gave words of encouragement to the new colony.

The seventeen 'founding fathers' of Mansfield SAE were then led into the room by representatives of Sigma Alpha Epsilon of Bucknell University. Facing away from the audience the Mansfield SAE 'founding fathers' were taught a secret handshake by the representatives from Bucknell. The Mansfield SAE members were also presented with symbolic pins representing their national acceptance by Sigma Alpha Epsilon as an official colony.

Patrick Ulmer, a 'founding father' of Mansfield SAW, has been with the group since its inception as an interest group. "Only two percent of SAE brothers have ever experienced what we have experienced tonight, it was a once in a lifetime experience," Ulmer said. Jake Schoch member of SAE spoke with restrained optimism, "It's a great group of guys, I love what we do, but there is a lot more to come," Schoch said. With seventeen members Sigma Alpha Epsilon becomes the largest social fraternity on campus. SAE will now be officially recognized as a fraternity by Mansfield University.



PHOTO FROM IFC.UNION.RPI.EDU
Sigma Alpha Epsilon became an official fraternity on November 9 in North Manser

By HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

This past weekend I ventured out again to The White Horse to see a live band play. The band, "69" has been playing together for a year and a half. They currently play about once a month, exclusively at The White Horse. Their popular style of Russian rock has some influences of the American music scene. They covered a few American songs, including Michael Jackson's "Billy Jean" and Nirvana's "Smells Like Teen Spirit."

Oleg Kozlenkov, the lead singer said he's loved Nirvana for years and decided it would be fun to cover one of their more popular songs for the show. For that particular song, Kozlenkov actually switched places with the bassist, Alexander Sutchkov. Sutchkov's voice is incredibly similar to Kurt Cobain's and I was pleasantly surprised at how good the cover was.

Tonight I'll be going to experience more live music, this is

a completely different kind, however. I will be seeing the opera, "Snow Maiden" written by Remsky Korsakov at the Volgograd Central Music Hall. I've been to operas in the United States before but most have been in Italian. It will certainly put my knowledge of the Russian language to the test.

Next week will be full of fun things for me. I will be getting published in a Russian student newspaper! My article is supposed to be run on page two in the Russian language, with the help of a translator. I'm extremely excited about such a great opportunity.

I'll also be touring a Russian newspaper's office and getting to meet some of the writers. It will be quite interesting to see how it all works and compare how things are run differently from the U.S. I'll be going with three other journalism students: Rune from Norway, Evelyn from Austria and Gallia a fulltime student at Volgograd State University.

Plans are in the works to celebrate Thanksgiving together in the dorm. It's difficult being away from home for holiday. I'll miss waking up early to a kitchen full of food in the process of preparation, sitting down with my family to eat a wonderful meal and crowding together afterwards to watch movies in the living room. Thanksgiving is certainly a family event in my house and I know I'll feel sad that I won't be with them all this year. On the upside, I'll be here celebrating the holiday with new-found friends. I'll teach them how I make pumpkin pie and cranberry sauce and show them some of my family's traditions.

Last night I explained the story of the Pilgrims and Thanksgiving to some friends who look forward to joining all of us for the holiday. Though I'll miss the comforts of home, to me the upcoming holiday is about being thankful for all we're given and I'm certainly thankful for so much that I've learned and experienced here.

Flashlight Puzzle page

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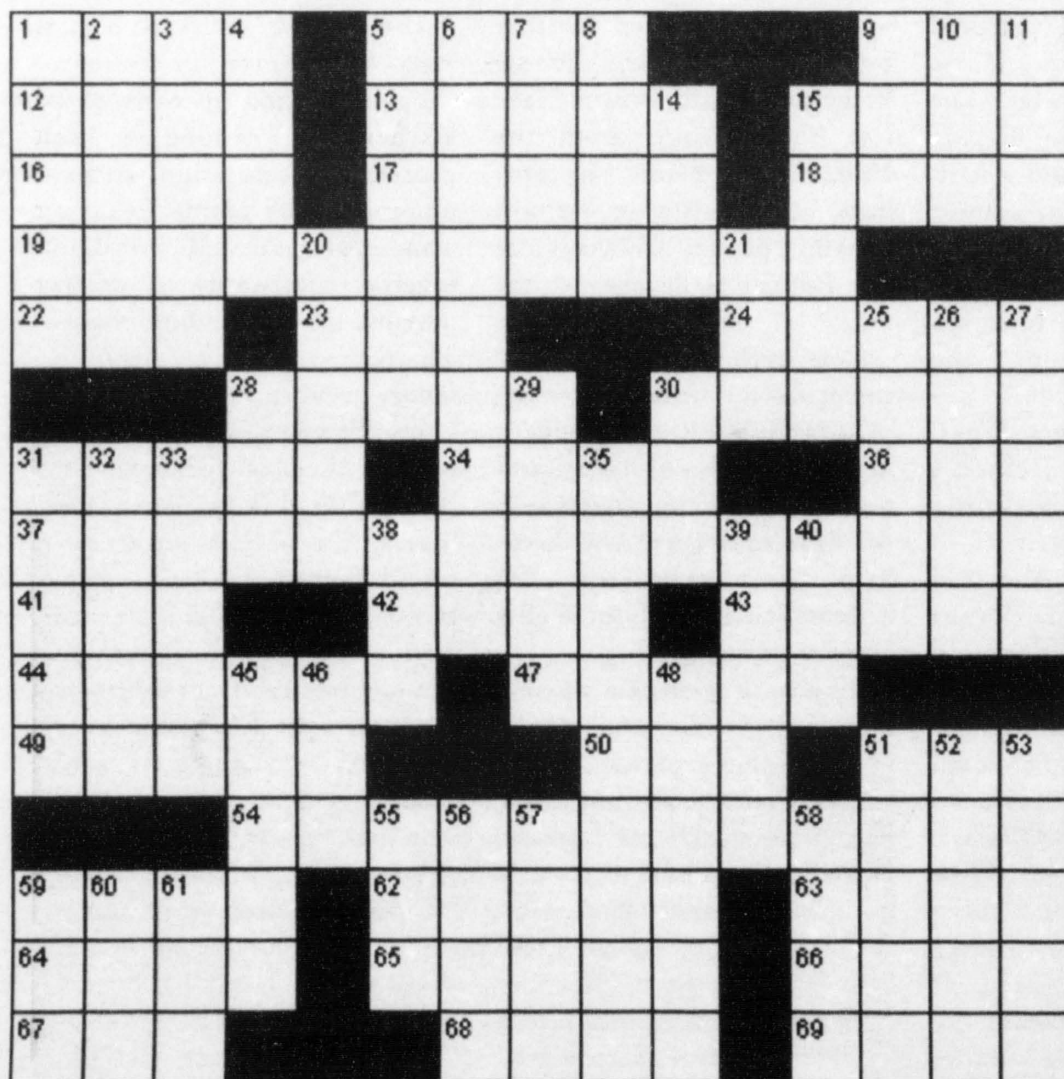
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1. Be the source of
5. Man who leads prayers in a mosque
9. Framed Roger Rabbit?
12. Wine is best when it is
13. Boys name meaning "dog" in Hebrew
15. Immeasurably long period of time
16. Time between dawn and noon
17. Remove from memory
18. To (archaic)
19. Not vaccinated
22. Type of shirt, or golf accessory
23. Short laugh
24. Cylindrical towers used in storage
28. Pacific island north of Australia
30. Kia car model
31. Showing interest
34. Again but in a different way
36. Not a woman
37. Industrial city in South Central France
41. They can be little and white
42. Homeless child that's been orphaned
43. Gallagher brother band
44. Rappel
47. Cavity which the large intestine begins
49. Area of Mansfield and Corning "Twin"

50. Lettuce with dark green leaves
 51. Health resort feature
 54. Theatre with tiered seats
 59. Any division of quantity
 62. Concert location
 63. Any metal bearing minerals valuable enough to be mined
 64. Singular of 24 Across
 65. Type of wood
 66. Central area of a church
 67. Not just some, but
 68. Republican candidate of 1996
 69. Band "Bright"
- #### Down
1. Complete extent or range
 2. Gone by
 3. "Bittersweet Symphony" band The
 4. Ska band "_____'s Goldfish"
 5. Mass of snow that permanently covers a large area
 6. Soft drog consisting of the leaves of the hemp plant
 7. M*A*S*H* actor
 8. City east of Phoenix, Arizona
 9. Common cyst of the skin
 10. Band "____ Heat" (1 word)
 11. Lennon's love interest
 14. Poker action
 15. Inspection of accounting procedures
 20. Cause to be enamored

21. Extrasensory perception
25. Type of bean (pl)
26. Inhabitant of Oman
27. Found on the beach, or a casino
28. Miles ____ hour
29. A ludicrous act done for fun
30. Be in debt
31. Enthusiastic approval
32. Self-justification
33. More than one goose
35. Effective
38. They give a hoot
39. Force or drive out
40. Dodge truck, or Football team
45. Greek Muse of lyric and love poetry
46. Doctrine or philosophy
48. Cause to form a united and orderly whole
51. Band "____ Cats"
52. Cause to be annoyed
53. Butts (Scottish)
55. Type of pipe (3 letters)
56. To listen to
57. Asia country ____nesia
58. ____, a two! (2 words)
59. United States of America
60. A quantity of no importance
61. Sick

World Hello Day to celebrate 32nd Anniversary

By MICHELE PEET

Flashlight Writer

Sunday celebrates the 32 anniversary of the first World Hello Day.

World Hello Day was a movement to create world peace in the 1970's, specifically in 1973 following a conflict between Egypt and Israel. By saying "hello" to ten people throughout the day, you too can join in on World Hello Day.

Since the first World Hello Day, 180 different countries have begun to celebrate this event. It helps to create a peaceful atmosphere as well as increase the possibility of peace throughout the world. 31 different Noble Peace Prize winners have received the award due to their realization that World Hello Day is a valuable way to preserve peace throughout the world.

Some people use day as an excuse to send an e-card to someone. By using a search engine and typing in "World Hello Day", a few e-greetings came up as well. This may be



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World Hello Day is celebrated nations around the world.

an excuse to send a hello to those that you don't always talk to from your email list.

If you are looking for other ways to learn about other cultures, there is a class at Mansfield that you can take called Interpersonal and Intercultural Communication. There are plenty of books that you

can take a look at, many of which are in the North Hall Library. Also, try a search engine on the Internet; this is a quick way to reference any other culture or language.

Whatever your reason for celebrating World Hello Day, saying hello to someone that you may not normally could brighten their day.

It may also spread the peace throughout your country, and eventually your hello could be brightening the day of other world leaders. You could be spreading the peace. So join in the crusade for world peace during World Hello Day this Sunday.

Ways to say "Hello"

French: Bonjour (bohn-ZHOOR)

Spanish: Hola (OH-lah)
Arabic: Al salaam
a'alaykum

Chinese: Ni hao (Nee HaOW)

Italian: Buon giorno
(bwohn JOR-noh)

Indonesian: Selamat pagi (seh-LA-maht PAH-gee)

Hungarian: Szia (ZEE-yah)

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THIS WEEK'S MOVIES

The Polar Express (G)

After the Sunset (PG-13)

The Incredibles (PG)

Ray (PG-13)

Saw (R)



World premier: *Misty Recollections*

By MEGAN SUTTON

Flashlight Writer

The play *The Misty Recollections* was performed at Straughn auditorium by the theatre department this past weekend.

Mansfield University Alumnus S. Dale Alden wrote the play and Dr. Andrew Longoria directed it. Mansfield University worked in conjunction with the Kennedy Center of American College Theatre Festival on Alden's Play.

The play is about a young girl who gets amnesia after a car accident. While in the hospital, she dreams about the days of the past two years of her life. Her dreams lead her to confrontations with her mother and best friend. In her dreams, she discovers the life she had with a fiancé she never loved as well as a mother who never loved her. At the end of the play, the girl's best friend reveals his deep love for her as well as the murder of her fiancé.

The box office asked all audience members to be on time for the performance. The audience was small because of the intimate seating on the stage. There were only three rows of seating.

Audience members were asked to be there 20 minutes prior to the show. Latecomers were not permitted.

Mansfield University theatre students had the opportunity to view the world premiere *The Misty Recollections*.

Students as well as community members attended this performance. One student, Adam Chasin, traveled to Mansfield all the way from Binghamton University to see

the performance. "The play ran very smoothly for being a world premiere and I was the lucky one who got to see the show for the first time," Chasin said.

The play was held on Friday and Saturday at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday at 2:00 p.m. General admission was five dollars, children and seniors were four dollars, and Mansfield University students paid two dollars with proper identification.



PHOTO FROM MU DRAMATICS

Acclaim accompanied the world premier of Mansfield alumnus S. Dale Alden's play *Misty Recollections*

Animated films rule the box office



PHOTO FROM WWW.PIXAR.COM

Craig T. Nelson is the voice of Mr. Incredible in Pixar Animation Studio's newest film *The Incredibles*, which has topped the box office since its release last week.

Pixar delivers 'Incredible' animated entertainment

By THERESA BENNER

Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Pixar Animation Studios, in collaboration with Disney, continues its box-office success with its latest accomplishment in animation *The Incredibles*. Despite a PG rating and longer running time than their previous films, Pixar has gone on seemingly unaffected, with *The Incredibles* topping the box-office since its release last week.

The Incredibles delivers the same quality entertainment as you'd expect from the Disney-Pixar collaborations seen in the past, such as *Toy Story* and *Finding Nemo*. With a splendid cast, unique plot and quite simply, some of the best animation ever to hit the big-screen, *The Incredibles* is sure to delight fans of all ages.

Craig T. Nelson, known for his role as Hayden Fox on the popular sitcom *Coach*, is the voice of Mr. Incredible himself, a superhero forced into retirement/hiding after a series of lawsuits from individuals who did not want to be saved. Other celebrity voices to listen for include Holly Hunter (*The Piano*, *Thirteen*) as Elastigirl, Samuel L. Jackson (*Pulp Fiction*, *Changing Lanes*) as Frozone, and Jason Lee (*Chasing Amy*, *Stealing Harvard*) as the

maniacal villain, Syndrome.

As far as special effects, *The Incredibles* delivers what summer movies like *Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow* could only boast to. The lighting effects alone deserve the title of incredible. Shiny spandex suits, jungle skylines, and a number of explosions all show off Pixar's latest animation advancements as well as their flair for action sequences. In fact, the film was more action based than one may expect. Movies like *I, Robot*, *Spiderman II* and *Collateral* are obviously the first great action movies of 2004 to come to mind, but *The Incredibles* is a close second.

The character's hair is another particularly astonishing feat in animation. Noticeable advances were made in *Monsters Inc.* in regards to hair, but the detail of hair and texture in general are astonishing in *The Incredibles*. In the film, Elastigirl's hair becomes frizzy and messed up with her adventures and frustrations, which is more realistic than most Hollywood productions that feature flawless hair and make-up at all times.

In short, *The Incredibles* is one of the most entertaining, original films of the year, leaving audiences with the hope that Pixar will continue making quality films when they break their partnership with Disney next year.

The Polar Express: a magical journey

By JOSEPH KING

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Can you remember the time when the answer to the question "Does Santa Clause really exist?" was of great consequence? Created from this simple question, the magical children's book *the Polar Express* was fashioned. With distinctive artwork and a simple story, the book soon became a classic. Generations of children have made this a beloved memory from childhood.

From the first magical frame of Warner Brothers' new movie *the Polar Express* the imagination is completely captivated, taking the audience to that wonderful place just before adolescence when the possibilities of the world were endless and the belief of Santa Clause seemed plausible.

Taking the direction of the storybook's artwork, the animation is true to the incredibly dreamlike vision of the original. Using state of the art techniques, the artists have created

a near perfect assimilation of the major characters, five of which are based on Tom Hanks, facial expressions as well as body movements.

Primarily, this movie remains true to the original story. With the awe and wonder of taking a magical train ride to the North Pole to discover whether Santa is actually real, the audience is transported to a time of innocence.

Extraordinary sequences that take the audience on thrilling adventures within the frame of the movie's main tale are breathtakingly animated. Sequences including a fantastical roof top train walk and a flying ticket sequence that are both stunning and exhilarating at the same time.

With a score that is oddly reminiscent of the phantom of the Opera, the music is really the only faux pas of this magical film. And within this astonishing film, this is indeed a faux pas that is easily overlooked.



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Animators use facial mapping to generate realistic expressions on the characters in new Warner Brothers film *the Polar Express*

Movie Reviews: Four films ready to be rented this break

By BIJAN MANAVIZADEH

Flashlight Writer

This past spring and summer brought a number of excellent films to the theatres that have recently hit the video stores. In the last six weeks, many films have come out that are all worth seeing. Not seeing these films at all would truly be a crime. Therefore, to enlighten you and keep you away from committing such atrocities, I bring you several plot descriptions and reviews so that the next time you are at rental house, you know exactly what to get.

The Day After Tomorrow

Rating: PG-13

Running Time: 124 minutes

Genre: Sci Fi/Thriller/Drama

Starring: Jake Gyllenhaal, Dennis Quaid, Emmy Rossum and Sela Ward.

Written and directed by Roland Emmerich, this climatic thriller brings to life the threat of global warming and melting polar ice caps, causing a major climate shift. When scientist Jack Hall (Dennis Quaid) predicts a possible weather doomsday, drastic measures are taken when he learns his son, Sam (Jake Gyllenhaal), is stuck in New York City. His solution: take his three-man team to New York City to find his son, while battling hor-

find his son? A perfect movie for bored high school kids and science majors, this movie brings together a predictable script with intense special effects. I give this movie a 4.2 on the 1-10 scale.

Saved

Rating: PG-13

Running Time: 92 minutes

Genre: Comedy

Starring: Jenna Malone, Mandy



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Mandy Moore returns to the screen in *Saved*

Moor, Macaulay Culkin, and Patrick Fugit.

Directed by Brian Dannelly; Written and Directed by Brian Dannelly and Michael Urban, this is the perfect comedy for both those who are part of the Christian Religion and those who are secular.

This movie is about a group of Baptist friends headed by Hilary Faye (Mandy Moore) her best friend Mary, whose brother (Macaulay Culkin) is in a wheelchair, and her boyfriend (Chad Foust) who happens to be a homosexual. In order to try and "save" him, while keeping it a secret, Mary decides to have sexual intercourse with her boyfriend. This plan of hers fails when her boyfriend is not changed and she is left pregnant. Mary's boyfriend is sent to a religious institution. Mary and Hilary try their hardest to pray for him so that he can return by prom. This movie was quite the

laugh provoker as well as uplifting. I give this movie a 7.3. Warning: for those whom are religious, this movie may be offensive.

Shrek 2

Rating: PG

Running Time: 92 minutes

Genre:

Animation/Comedy

Starring: The vocal talents of, Mike Myers, Eddie Murphy, Cameron Diaz, Julie Andrews, Antonio Banderas, John Cleese and Rupert Everett

Directed by Andrew Adamson, Kelly Asbury, and Conrad Vernon; Written by William Steig and Andrew Adamson, this family-fun sequel begins with Princess Fiona

(Cameron Diaz) and Shrek (Mike Myers) inviting the royal family (Julie Andrews, John Cleese) to dinner. However, there is one prob-

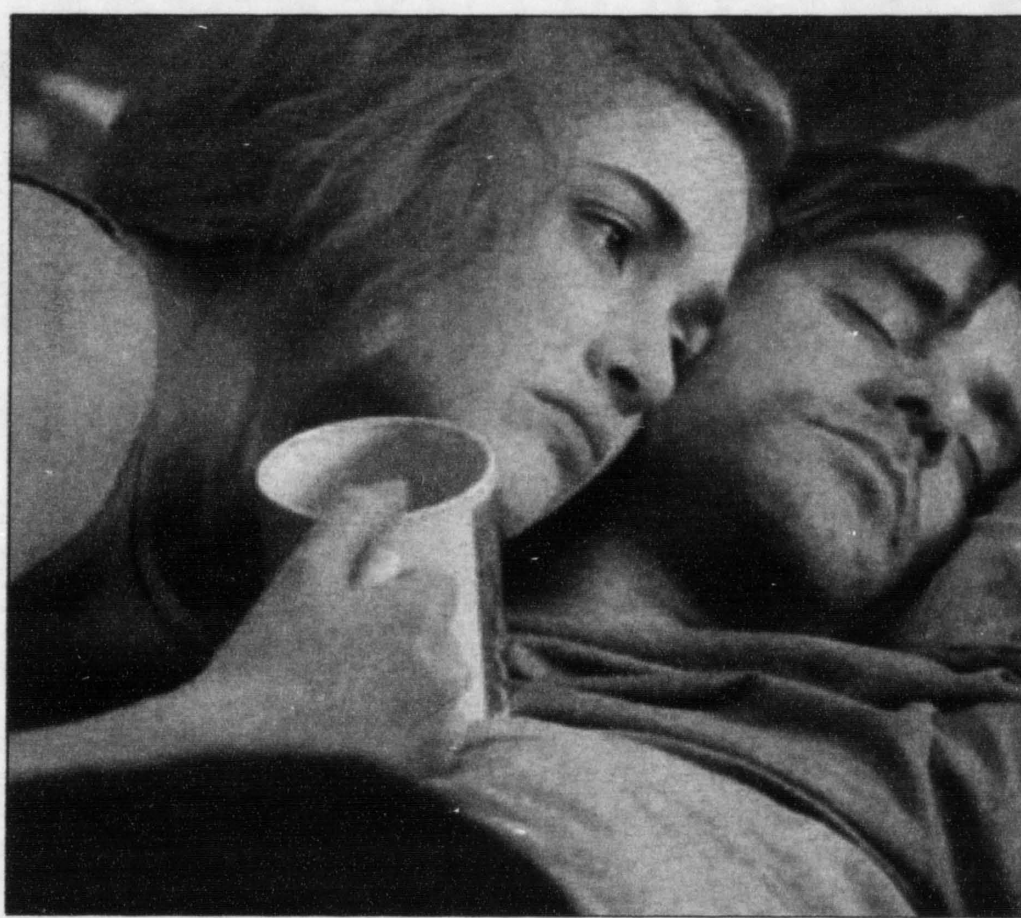


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Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet in *Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind*.

than the first and the animated feature brings a good time for the whole family and for the college students who haven't yet grown up. Even though this movie is quite

Michel Gondry, this indie, romantic comedy is brought to you by an all star cast portraying what life could be like if people could erase certain parts of their past. Set in Long Island, New York, couple Joel (Jim Carrey) and Clementine (Kate Winslet) partake in the mind erasing procedure when their relationship goes awry. With the help of an underground medical company headed by Dr Miercwiak (Tom Wilkinson), Joel, comes to know that his girlfriend has all ready received the procedure. However, when Joel decides to have the procedure done himself, viewers are presented with remarkable twist of plot. A fantastic music score accompanies the outstanding performance of the actors. On a scale of 1-10, this movie hits the spot with a 9.5.

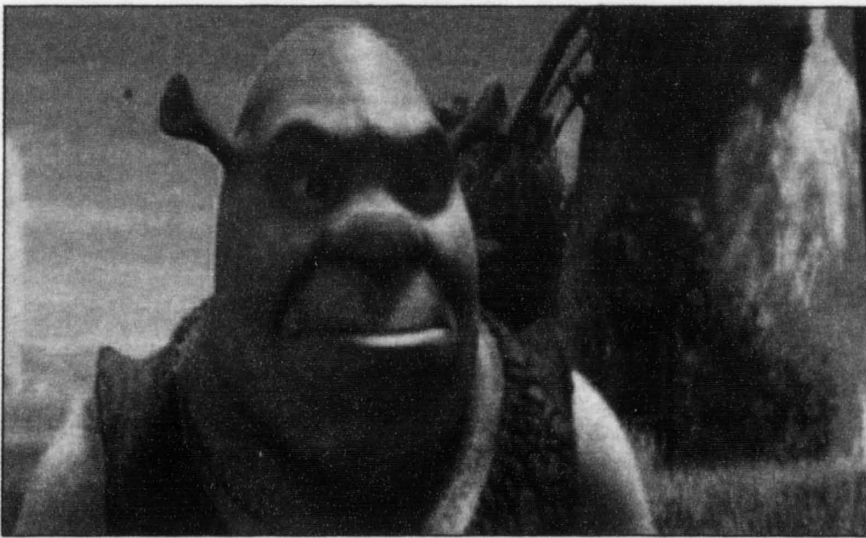


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Shrek 2 came to home video Nov. 5

lem, the family members do not know that the newlyweds are ogres. A fairy godmother learns of the marriage and alerts the king. The king, as a result, decides to hire an assassin. Puss In Boots (Antonio Banderas) is hired to kill Shrek so that the princess can be married to Prince Charming (Rupert Everett). This sequel includes new characters and old favorites such as the beloved Donkey (Eddie Murphy). The sequel provides more laughs

childish and unrealistic, it was enjoyable. I give this movie a 6.7.

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Rating: R

Running Time: 108 minutes

Genre: Romantic Comedy/ Drama

Starring: Jim Carrey, Kate Winslet, Tom Wilkinson, Mark Ruffalo, Kirsten Dunst and Elijah Wood. Written by Michel Gondry and Charlie Kaufman and directed by

So there you have it. These four feature films are out for rental, and even a few of them are up for Academy Award nominations. For listings, prices, and availability check local rental houses such as Blockbuster, Hollywood Video, and Video King.

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The Day After Tomorrow hit theaters in late May

rific weather including tsunamis and blizzards. Stuck in the city, Sam and his group of friends try to take shelter in a library to keep alive in worse than freezing temperatures. Along with saving his son, the doctor tries to also save mankind. Can he do both? Will he

Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



This is the 'real world'

Don't discredit yourself or your achievements

By THERESA BENNER
Flashlight Editor-in-Chief

Every year as the semester dies down and several students begin to think more heavily about their post collegiate plans, some idiot (for lack of a better word) inevitably mentions the phrase "the real world". Gasp! The "real world" of course referring to the indescribable evils we will all face once forced to find a "real job" and have "real responsibility", as opposed to - I'm assuming - the fake work, phony tasks and totally bogus life experiences we've had thus far.

The phrase itself is bogus. Most likely invented by elder members of society for the sole purpose of making themselves seem more important by portraying the world as being some secretly nasty place that we as college "kids" have yet to see, "the real world" is purely fictional. Most people I know have been through some major obstacle in life. I dare you to go up to anyone my age that has lost a loved one, encountered a personal illness or injury or grown up in poverty and suggest to them that these experiences don't count in the long run. I dare you to tell some-

body that has seen or encountered alcoholism or sexual assault that their experiences were not difficult. And finally whether you are a professor or a student, I dare you to simply write-off college as a frivolous four years.

For those who may argue that the phrase refers to a job market that college students have yet to experience, all I have to say is - it is about time. Seniors, aren't you excited to enter the field you've worked so hard to understand these four or more years? It isn't like most of us want to go back to mundane overtime hours in retail or manual labor positions that we've been stuck in since high school. The concept of a "real job" is nothing less than exciting. Sure, the job hunt is often tedious, but on the same note, scheduling and financial aid are just as tiresome.

The real world can indeed be harder for some, but remember that it is easier for others. It is all a matter of how you've prepared yourself and how receptive you are to change. Is there an increase in responsibility? In many cases yes, but are the good days of our lives really over? No. I've seen very little evidence that suggests that the minute we receive our

diploma, all the troubles of life will suddenly descend upon us. Actually, several of my friends received their dream jobs within the first year after graduation. Once again, it all depends on how determined and motivated you are.

I know that in most cases individuals do not use the "real world" to be condescending or derogatory, and that many people will interpret this as an overreaction. The phrase is trite and often used without much thought, but when you further consider the ways it can be interpreted it can be very offensive. I know of several individuals who feel that their work in life has been lessened when people refer to whether or not they will cut it in the real world.

I encourage professors especially to refrain from using the phrase, unless of course you are having a scholarly discussion about reality television and the popular MTV series, because it is particularly alarming when you hear a professor suggest that you are ill prepared for professional employment or adult life. Besides, what does that suggest about Mansfield and the quality of education provided here?

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Do you find the phrase "the real world" to be offensive when used in the context described in this week's editorial?

E-mail your thoughts on this to flashopinions@yahoo.com

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Insanity abounds at MU : B.S. is B.S. is BS!

You can't buck the system but you can spend lots of money

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

Not to take up the banner of opposing the Mansfield University administration again, but I'm going to take up the banner of opposing the Mansfield University administration again. There is a policy that has recently been brought to my attention that I find to be the pinnacle of absurdity. Admittedly, the pinnacle of absurdity is most likely an unobtainable ideal, but I truly believe that this academic policy at Mansfield University very much approaches this ideal.

But what is this unholy policy in question? It is the policy whereby a student who has dared to be so ambitious as to take on a double major is rejected the request to be granted two degrees. Meaning, if you major in two separate fields, and complete the requirements

for a B.S. in one and a B.A. in another, you will be forced to choose which degree you would like to be granted by the university. This does not compute.

For one, I strongly believe that if you have committed the time and effort to complete two majors, you are entitled to receive recognition of this fact. While it is true that your completion of a second major will be noted on your transcript, but later on during your career path, it seems entirely unlikely to me that an employer would request a transcript from the prospective employee. Therefore, the applicant is limited to listing only one degree on their resume, and is thus denied the opportunity to display their other credentials.

What lies at the root of this problem are two differing conceptions as to what a "degree" in fact is. If I

understand the rationale behind the current policy, a B.A. or B.S. from Mansfield University is a degree from Mansfield University. Much like when you paint your house, it doesn't matter what color paint or how much of it you used, you have still painted your house, it does not matter which or how many courses you have taken from Mansfield University, you have nonetheless completed a degree.

The alternate and more logical conception of degree, and the one that I support, is that not all degrees are created equal. Thus, a B.S. in Biology from Mansfield University is considerably different than a B.A. in Music. Further, a B.A. in Philosophy is different than a B.A. in Music and a B.S. in Biology is different than a B.S. in Chemistry. The point I am getting at here is that though General Education requirements may be

the same, the requirements for B.S. or B.A. diplomas in any given fields differ greatly from one another. Thus, by completing the requirements for a second major, you have completed a degree in that program that would you receive if you had made this your primary major. How can anyone think a B.S. is a B.S. is a B.S.? This is clearly BS!

After contesting this policy, my colleague was told that in order to be granted a second diploma, she would be required to take a period of time off, and come back and complete an additional set of credits. Insanity abounds at Mansfield University! Am I understanding this correctly? Is it the University's claim that in order to receive recognition for credits already completed, you must complete more credits? This would cost a substantial

amount of money, in excess of a few thousand dollars. Is this the cost of issuing a diploma for a second major?

As far as I can conceive, aside from perhaps the cost of an additional piece of paper, granting my friend two degrees for her respective majors that she earned would cost the University nothing. Thus, I have calculated that a diploma in recognition of a second degree should cost somewhere between three and five cents for the student, to ensure that Mansfield University makes a fair profit.

To deny any student a diploma for completing their degree program is an institutional mistreatment of the student and not only is it wrong, it is completely insane. The University must reconsider their policy on this issue, and if they do not do this willingly, it is up to the students to make them.

Letter: Changes abound at Mansfield

Dear Editor,

I understand they mean well, but the newly proposed SGA amendment is more of a hassle than help. As the president of a COF (Committee on Finance) funded organization, I attended a meeting with the President and Parliamentarian of SGA. If you are an organization President, you will have your Sunday. During this meeting, they proceeded to tell me of a new amendment to their constitution stating that one member from each COF funded organization must be the voice for that organization as an SGA senator. That person must attend every meeting and abide by the rules and regulations as set forth in the SGA constitution. Now, I understand that COF is a subcommittee of SGA, but my one question remains: WHY? If we wanted to attend SGA meetings, we would. If we wanted to have a say in what goes on politically at our university, we would. If we were even remotely interested in student government affairs, we would attend. Our sole involvement with SGA is the fact that they govern COF, and we receive funding from COF.

This brings me to my second point. Several other people and I are sick and tired of the threats of freezing accounts. Our funding from COF is small. It does not remotely cover our projected costs. I am not

saying that we expect it to. Yes, it helps, but this is not my point. My point is that the other thousand dollars or more that we ourselves RAISE as an organization through various fundraisers gets frozen as well. I think it is ridiculous that SGA demands power by threats of withholding the money that we worked so hard for.

Why all the politics? Why the sudden attempt at collaboration/combination of organizations? If I wanted to do what another organization does I would pay my dues and join that club, and so would anyone else. That is why there are individual clubs, and in some cases club collaboration is just not a good idea.

It humors me to be sitting at lunch or walking across campus hearing my fellow students complaining about this new amendment in the same way I have outlined here. This is not a good change if nobody is agreeable to it. Speak up and be heard.

On the questionnaire evaluation I received prior to my meeting with the two officers, one question was "What can SGA do for your organization?" My answer, and other people I have talked to say the same: "Leave well enough alone." There have not been any problems thus far. It has not been broken, why are you trying to fix it?

Sincerely,
Jessica Ward

Letter: Getting involved on campus

Dear Editor,

I am a senior at Mansfield University, and I will be graduating in December. Through my years at Mansfield, I have been very involved in several campus organizations. Now that I am graduating and looking for jobs, I am really happy that I had the chance to do everything I did because I have a lot of experience that is related to my field of study.

Through the years, I noticed how many students are not involved in campus activities and organizations. I sit in some of my upper level classes where I should know everyone, and I only know the names of students who are involved in the organizations within my department. Some of these students are also seniors, and I wonder what they will be putting on their resume.

Coming to a small college like Mansfield creates opportunities that not every college has to offer. We have the chance to be involved in all the different organizations. I just cannot believe how many people do not utilize the opportunities that are right in front of them. I ask those uninvolved students why they do not use these valuable resources?

Getting involved is a great way to meet new friends and network with people outside of the campus. Networking will be helpful when one is looking for a job. The

best way to find out about different ways to get involved is to look on the CAN. They have updates of different activities and when they will take place. You can also look on the Mansfield website, under the Student Activities calendar which is updated every week. This is an affective method of letting students know what is going on at MU that week. If a student is looking for an activity that is related to their major the best thing they can do is contact their advisor. Advisors should be able to tell students what type of organizations their major offers and when they meet.

I understand some students are probably saying that they do not have a lot of extra time but being involved could take up as little as a half hour meeting once a week. I am sure that everyone can find at least a half hour once a week. Just remember, when students are looking to get a job and put a resume together, being involved on their college campus will give them some experience to work with.

I know it is the end of the semester, but everyone needs to start next semester off on the right track. Join a new organization or go to an activity that you have never went to before. You will make new friends by getting more involved.

Sincerely,
Lexi Beckel

Thanksgiving, also known as Pre-Christmas

By MIKE HART
The Daily Vidette

Thanksgiving is still over a week away but a number of Americans have already completed their Christmas shopping for this year.

That might seem crazy, but it's the truth.

For the many Americans who have not yet completed their shopping, they have likely begun or at least will begin during Thanksgiving week.

The bulk of those shopping Thanksgiving week will be doing so Nov. 26, the day after Thanksgiving which holds the title of the busiest shopping day of the year.

In such a consumer driven society, one must wonder how well the busiest shopping day of the year and one of the most important traditions in America can coexist hours apart from each other.

Talk about the odd couple.

It's sort of like having Donald Trump sit next to June Cleaver from "Leave It to Beaver" in a semester long class.

This doesn't sound like a match that would work out too well.

The idea of Christmas essentially is the same as Thanksgiving, enjoying a peaceful break

from work or school to spend time with family and loved ones.

However, it seems as if for many families the holiday gradually becomes more about shopping each year and less about the values on which it is based.

This consumerism is in a way an indirect attack on the family.

Instead of spending energy on conversations with relatives a person hasn't seen in awhile, many shop for all those mostly meaningless gifts that will be boxed, wrapped and handed over to a person who will in a few years likely forget who the gift even came from.

Buying gifts for someone feels good but having memories of time spent with them will be worth more than any gift in the long run.

This is especially true for college students, who spend most of their time away from their family at school.

Why spend part of Thanksgiving break battling traffic on the road and in a mall to shop for gifts for family members when a student could spend time with those family members during their time off for Thanksgiving break? Here's an opportunity to be with a parent or

sibling, aunt or cousin, and instead a student is out looking for a gift for them for the next time they see them on Christmas.

Not to sound like Scrooge (Christmas is certainly an exciting time of year), but it doesn't make sense.

And with the ever-increasing consumerism tied to Christmas, Thanksgiving seems likely to slowly wither over time.

Of course it still remains one of the most important days of the year for most families in the nation, but most people from older generations will say its role in our society has changed a great deal.

In the past, if Thanksgiving was not on the same level as Christmas it was close to it.

Some could argue this is based on higher divorce rates splitting up families in modern society, but the fact that stores prepare so much earlier for Christmas now than they did decades ago seems to lead to a better explanation.

Stores like Hobby Lobby and Hallmark begin bringing out their Christmas material after the Fourth of July.

Take a few moments to let that sink in.

Christmas marketing begins in July.

How can anyone think about Christmas shopping during the summer?

This sort of obsession over Christmas shopping has made Thanksgiving merely a foreshadow to the December holiday in the minds of many.

If Christmas were a country the United Nations would send inspectors to check its weapons as its empire slowly encroached upon the smaller country of Thanksgiving.

Students should go home this Thanksgiving and hold it on the same level as they hold Christmas.

Spend time with families and value that time, especially for the sake of all those who are unable to.

Writing Thanksgiving off would be a smack in the face to soldiers who are stationed overseas and can't have that time to spend at home with their loved ones.

So sit down on Nov. 25, look at the exquisite turkey sitting in the middle of the table with all the sides surrounding it and be thankful.

Be thankful to have the time to spend with those you care about, one day they won't be there.

Letter: Student vote threatened

Dear Editor,

We would like to bring it to the attention of your readers that on November 4, 2004 a member of the MU University Senate proposed an amendment to the organizations constitution that would eliminate the vote of students and staff on matter of curriculum the amendment reads "On matters of curriculum, only Faculty members of the Senate shall have a vote. This rule shall apply, additionally, to all Standing Committees of the Senate." It is our understanding that the following standing committees of University Senate will be directly affected by the proposed amendment:

Academic Affairs
General Education Subcommittee
WIG Subcommittee
Academic Planning
Administrative Affairs & Elections
Information Technology
Library Advisory
Student Affairs & Admissions
Advising Resource Group

While we realize that the University Senate has an obligation to protect and serve the Mansfield University, we feel that this amendment will be a disservice

to the student population at Mansfield University both in the present and in the future.

In opposition to this amendment SGA has started a petition that is circulating as well as organized a peaceful demonstration to be held in Jazzmans Cafe on November 18, 2004 from 1230-130 as well as invited all members of the MU Community to join us at the University Senate meeting on November 18, 2004 at 330 in 307 AHUB, this is where the final vote will take place.

Please pass the word on to everyone you know. We need a very large turn out at this event to make sure that the faculty and staff knows that we are very concerned. Our votes do matter and we need to show them that we care!

If you have any questions please feel free to contact the SGA office at et. 4984 or e-mail us at mansfieldsga@yahoo.com
Thank you!

Sincerely,
Elizabeth O'Dell
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More Moore a bad idea

STAFF EDITORIAL

The Daily Iowan

Documentary filmmaker Michael Moore has announced his plans to follow up his recent hit production Fahrenheit 9/11 with a sequel to be titled "Fahrenheit 9/11 1/2." Moore says he will begin filming soon and hopes to have the final product ready in two to three years. While the second installment will likely be a commercial success, the release of "9/11 1/2" can possibly do more harm than good.

Moore's intentions behind the first Fahrenheit film were clear -- unseating the recently re-elected President Bush. However, his motives this time are less apparent. Regardless of what happens in the next four years, Bush's term will expire, and he will leave the presidency after 2008. No movie, book, song, or commercial jingle can alter the simple facts that the president will be in office for another four years and that these will be his last four years.

Moore said in a recent press release, "Fifty-one percent of the American people lacked information [in this election], and we want to educate and enlighten them. They weren't told the truth. We're communicators, and it's up to us to start doing it now." If he is truly concerned about the lack of accurate information given to the American public, he should seriously consider doing a documentary about the media -- the evident catalyst of his complaints about voters being misinformed.

He also had plans prior to his recent announcement to release a film about the health care system in America, an issue on the minds of many Americans, considering that around 43 million of them lack health insurance. But for Moore to proceed to make another film about Bush without the same level of political and social capital in the balance that existed for his first Fahrenheit film, he may be giving the right even more ammunition against him and his causes. And the public may be far less receptive to his assertions.

Love him or hate him, Moore's films have clearly had a significant effect on popular culture. Fahrenheit 9/11 has grossed more than \$218 million worldwide, and its debut on home video shattered the previous documentary video-rental debut record previously held by Moore's Bowling for Columbine. That film won the best documentary feature title at the 2002 Oscar Awards, and the film held the previous record for the highest documentary film gross of all time.

But in Moore's desire to release a sequel to his blockbuster hit, he may run the risk of taking away some of the legacy of the first Fahrenheit installment. There is an adage in cinema that sequels are never as good as the original, and Moore might be overstaying his welcome in popular culture and political terms with the sequel's release. Because he has such an influence on the American public, he must choose his projects more wisely and with less haste.

The Hot Stove: A cold winter means a hot stove...

By TED MINNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

The first snowfall has occurred. The leaves have all but fallen off the trees and everyone's mind is on Thanksgiving and Christmas. The football season is at its mid-point, the basketball season is just starting, unfortunately there is no hockey, but it is baseball that will be making the biggest sports headlines soon.

Why baseball? The season just ended and there is still champagne on Boston's streets. So why should baseball be back in the headlines? Isn't winter supposed to be their off-season?

This season there is an unbelievable crop of free agents. All-stars, gold glove winners, franchise cornerstones and five-tool players will all be available, for a cost.

Carlos Beltran is hands down the best player available this winter. The numbers he has posted over the last few years are amazing. His value increased thanks to his outstanding post-season with the Houston Astros. Last year Beltran hit 38 homeruns, knocked in 104, scored 121 and stole 42 bases. His batting average dipped once he was traded to the Astros, a common occurrence for players when they switch leagues, but the rest of his number increased. The three seasons prior he hit for a .295 batting average. His post-season performance is what catapulted him to super-star status. In the 2004 playoffs he batted .435 and hit eight homeruns in only 12 games. His age is also something clubs love. Beltran is only 27 years-old and is entering the prime of his career, meaning that his numbers will only increase. Right now it is believed that he will sign with the New York Yankees, but that is

because they are the only team that could afford his rumored demands of a 10 year, \$20 million a year contract. If his monetary demands come back to earth, many more suitors will arise, giving Beltran the opportunity to play wherever he wants. If this occurs he has said he wants to remain with the Astros.

It's tough to compete with an all-world player like Beltran, but this young third baseman will give him a run. What team wouldn't like to add the National League homerun leader Adrian Beltre to their roster?

Last year was truly Beltre's coming out party. It was perfect timing for the young third baseman as he is now looking at a big contract. Beltre batted .334, knocked in 121 runs, scored 104 and smacked a league leading 48 homeruns (made even more impressive by playing half his games in a pitchers park). Before this season many critics were ready to officially declare Beltre a bust. In his first few years many tabbed him as a "can't miss prospect" (including myself, who drafted him in many fantasy baseball leagues a few years back). Prior to this season Beltre never hit above .300 and never hit more than 23 homeruns, not exactly stats you would expect from a "can't miss prospect." With third base a tough place to find star players Beltre figures to get a big pay check this off-season. By the way did I mention that he is only 25 years-old, two years younger than Beltran.

Even though he just helped the Boston Red Sox win their first World Series since 1918, Pedro Martinez filed for free agency only days after the seasons conclusion. Pedro's reputation precedes him.

He has been one of the most dominant pitchers in baseball in the past five years. His health had been a question, but the last three years he has averaged over 30 games pitched per season. This past season was the first time since 1996, when Pedro was with the Expos, that he posted an ERA over 3.00. In 2004 Martinez posted a 16-9 record

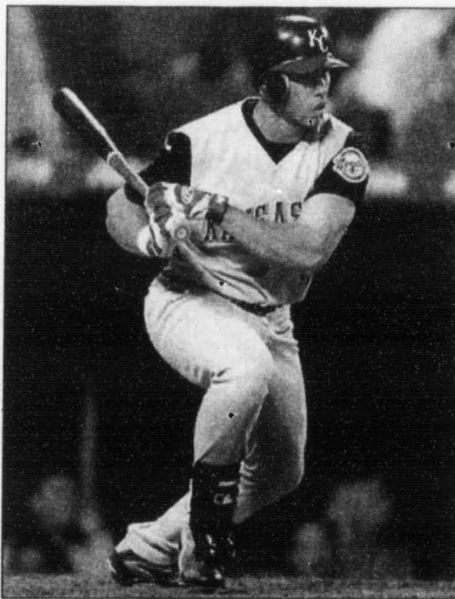


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Houston Astro center fielder Carlos Beltran began his career as a Kansas City Royal. The all-star outfielder became an Astro at the trading deadline in the 2004 season.

while striking out 227. Any team looking for an "ace" will come calling for Martinez's services. He has publicly stated that he wants to return to Boston, but is open to moving on, including playing for the rival Yankees.

The last player I will look at in depth is outfielder Magglio Ordonez. Injuries limited the right fielder to only 52 games last year, in which he only hit nine homeruns, had 37 RBIs and batted .292. Overall Ordonez is the complete package in the outfield. He has a strong arm, is accurate, hits for

power and average and has the ability to steal some bases. He has played eight seasons in the pro's, during the six in which he had at least 100 at bats, only once did he hit under .300. He is a career .307 hitter and religiously hits 30 homeruns and drives in 100 runs. The fact that he was injured last year and is 30 years old, make him a bit of a risk. The reward potential with Ordonez is amazing though. He is everything a team would be looking for in a right fielder and a three hole hitter. If he had been healthy he would have made a run for the top free agent available, but unfortunately for him fewer teams will be seeking his services. Whatever team signs Ordonez though, is sure to get a star player who is the consummate teammate.

Those four are arguably the top free agents available, but there are many more great players in the free agent market this season. If you are looking for pitching, some top notch arms will be available, as long as the Yankees do not sign them all. Roger Clemens, Carl Pavano, Matt Clement, Brad Radke, Kevin Millwood, Eric Milton, Jon Leiber, Matt Morris, Russ Ortiz, David Wells, Derek Lowe, Kris Benson, Esteban Loaiza and Al Leiter are looking for homes. The Yankees figure to grab a few of those arms, but plenty will still be left to help complete many rotations around the league. It is also rumored that the Yankees are looking to move pitcher Kevin Brown, so even more pitchers may be available than it looks. Some star relief pitchers are on the market this winter as well. Armando Benitez, Troy Percival, Bob

Wickman and Steve Kline will fill bullpen holes quite nicely.

The offensive options are numerous. The infield may be the best place to stock up, as it is rare that so many star infielders are looking for new grass to roam. Edgar Renteria, Carlos Delgado, Jason Varitek, Richie Sexson, Nomar Garciaparra, Troy Glaus, Orlando Cabrera, Jeff Kent, Vinny Castilla and Christian Guzman were not resigned by their teams. In addition to Beltran and Ordonez, there is a cornucopia of outfield talents available. J.D. Drew, Steve Finley, Moises Alou, Jermaine Dye, Richard Hidalgo, Jeromy Burnitz and Juan Gonzalez can be had for the right price. A team just assembled of all these free agents would rival any in the majors right now.

The person who figures to make this most money this off-season though, is not even listed. Sports agent Scott Boras figures to pull down more than any player. Boras represents Beltran, Beltre, Ordonez, JD Drew, Jason Varitek and Derek Lowe. He is also the agent responsible for Alex Rodriguez's \$252 million dollar contract with the Texas Rangers a few years ago. Boras is a tough agent that will drive up the price of the players he represents, as has been his custom for many years.

This winter may be a cold one, but be sure that the hot stove will be running high as some the best in baseball look for new homes.

The Flashlight Sports "Question of the Week"

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Mountaineers swim past kings

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Sports Editor

The Mansfield University Mountaineer swim team picked up their first victory of the season on the road Saturday afternoon with a 119-59 manhandling of King's College.

Of the 12 events at during Saturdays meet, the Mountaineers took home 10. Seven different Mansfield swimmers picked up victories including two by freshman Vanessa McElwee. McElwee, who won the 200-meter freestyle with a time of 2:12.47 and the 100-meter backstroke at 1:07.16, notched her first two collegiate victories.

McElwee did not just successfully represent Mansfield on an individual basis; she also helped the

Mountaineers win both the 200-meter individual medley and the 200-meter free relays.

"These were the first wins of my career," McElwee said. "The competition was awesome. I was very excited. My family was in town so they made it all more exciting."

As stated before, McElwee was one of seven swimmers to come out of the pool with a victory. Freshman Kristine Vancuzer finished first in the 1000-meter freestyle with a time of 12:23.00. Freshman swimmers Stephanie Klegarth and Maureen Maikner took first place in their respective events. Klegarth swam the 400-meter individual medley in 5:11.97. Maikner finished her event, the 100-meter fly in 1:05.72.

Sophomores Daniella Borelli and Abbie Tipton took first place honors in their events as well. Borelli finished the 50-meter freestyle in 27.32. Tipton mastered her opponent in the 100-meter freestyle with a time of 1:01.06.

The Mountaineers are looking forward to the ongoing success in which this victory may lead.

"I think our team is going to come around," McElwee said. "We are going to show Coach [Danita Fox] that the hard work she makes us do is going to pay off."

The Mountaineers have two weeks off before they travel to Indiana University of Pennsylvania to take part in the IUP Invitational from Dec. 3 to Dec. 5.

Sophomore defender, Boris takes roster spot on All-PSAC second team.

MANSFIELD, 11/14/04 - Mansfield University standout Desiree Boris (Wilkes-Barre/Coughlin) set a historical first by becoming the first Mountaineer women's soccer player to earn All-Conference honors when she was named to the All-Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference (PSAC) East Second Team. The team was selected by the head PSAC East women's soccer coaches and released today.

"I'm so very pleased for Desiree," said head coach Tim Dempsey. "She couldn't be more deserving of the honor. Not only is she a great player, she's a great person who sets the standard for work ethic and desire."

Boris was selected as a defender where she started all 17 games for the Mountaineers this season. In her two seasons at Mansfield, Boris has started in 32 of 34 games.

Mansfield, which started women's soccer in 2002, just completed its third season of women's soccer and it's second in conference play.

Boris is an elementary edu-



SPORTS INFORMATION

Mountaineer soccer standout Desiree Boars, who represented the defense in every game this season. The sophomore defender was selected to the All-PSAC East Second team by the East's coaches.

cation major at Mansfield where she has earned PSAC and MU Presidential Scholar-Athlete honors.

Picks of the Week

Week 11

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This Week in Mountie Sports

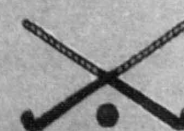
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Mansfield University men's basketball is back with fresh faces and a common goal: victory

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
Flashlight Sports Writer

Last year was the best year in recent memory for the Mansfield University men's basketball team. The Mountaineers raced out to a 16-2 start and finished the season at 21-7 overall and 8-4 in the Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference East. The Mountaineers earned their first home conference tournament game since 1997, but came up short against Kutztown.

That game marked the end of a Mansfield career for seven players. Seniors Brett Longpre', Omari Pearson, Ian Connor, Robert Carter, Glenn Jackson and Jason Roscoe all graduated. Sophomore Bill McNeil transferred out of the program during the off-season.

Now that the dust has cleared, Mansfield is left missing 72 percent of last year's scoring heading into the 2004-2005 season. In the preseason poll, the Mansfield team has been chosen to finish fourth in the PSAC East this year. In order to meet and exceed that ranking, fifth year head coach Vince Alexander will look to a talented and deep backcourt to compensate for the team's losses.

That backcourt will put two returners as well as an explosive transfer in the starting lineup.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Mansfield University guard Brian Bryant started 18 of the 28 games the Mountaineers played last season. The senior, used primarily in a passing role, averaged 2.7 ppg over his Mountaineer career.

Brian Bryant will man the point guard position for the Mounties. Bryant, a 6'1" senior from Philadelphia, played in all 28 games for the Mountaineers last year. Bryant was fifth in the PSAC last year, averaging four assists per game and he had the second best assist to turnover ratio in the league at 1.75.

Bryant will be called upon to replace a lot of the leadership that was lost with the departure of the six seniors. He has known since the end of last year it would be one of his primary responsibilities this season. "I knew coming into this year I'd have to be more of a leader," Bryant said. "I knew I'd have to take the young guys under my wing and show them the right way to do things." Bryant is one of four seniors on the Mansfield roster.

Another senior is a transfer from PSAC rival Bloomsburg. Jason Benson is a 6'3" guard who will be expected to carry a great deal of the scoring load for this Mansfield team. Last season, in 22 games for the Huskies, Benson averaged 15.9 points per game, fifth best in the PSAC. Benson was chosen by the league's coaches as a Preseason All-PSAC selection. The third member of the Mansfield backcourt expected to start will be Brandon Deshields. Deshields, a 6'1" junior guard, is the Mountaineers leading returning scorer, as he averaged 9.4 points per game last year.

Other players who are expected to add depth in the backcourt and at the small forward position are senior Jeremy Frey, junior Dave Hoopes, sophomore Terrance Williams, freshman John Hampton and freshman Kevin Hill. Frey, who played in all 28 games

last season, and Williams are expected to play both shooting guard and small forward. Hill and Hoopes should see action primarily at the shooting guard spot while Hampton is expected to back up Bryant at point guard.

Mansfield's front-court is a blend of newcomers waiting to emerge and role players from last year ready to step into increased roles. Starting at the power forward position will be Andrae Martin, a 6'6" junior transfer from Owens Community College where he averaged 15 points and eight rebounds per game. Senior Ian Anderson is also projected to play significant minutes at forward for the Mounties. Anderson appeared in 13 games for the Mounties last season. 6'6" freshman Le'Var Hage will also add depth to the front-court.

The center will be manned by a 6'8" junior. Which 6'8" junior will actually be getting the majority of the playing time remains to be seen. For the time being, Justin Kress will get the opportunity to show what he can do. Kress saw limited playing time last year as he played behind four senior big men. With all

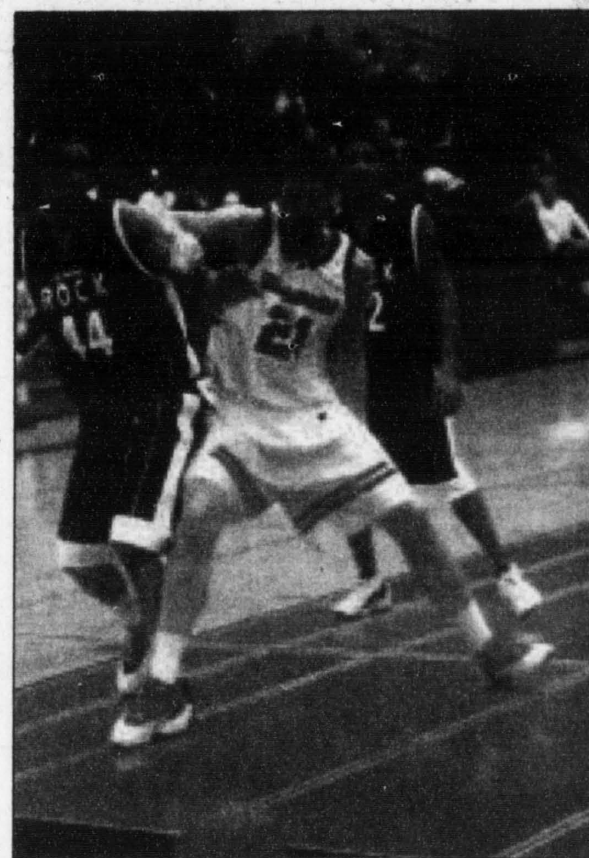
four of those players now graduated, Kress will look to make an impact. The man who will compete with Kress for opportunities will be Carlos Collazo. Collazo is a transfer from Division II Missouri Southern State University. He will be out for the near future with mononucleosis,

meaning Kress will most likely begin the season as the starter at the center position.

With six newcomers, Coach Alexander thinks the coaching staff has had to be more hands on with this team than last year's team. "We're having to start over and go back to doing a lot of teaching," Alexander said, "but I think that the guys are starting to pick things up and I think that they will catch on." Once they do, Bryant believes that they will be able to accomplish great things. "A goal of the team is to get past the first round of the PSAC Tournament," Bryant said, "but anything falling short of a PSAC title would be unsuccessful."

Coach Alexander also said that one of the major focal points for this year's team will be to take the season

one game at a time. That first game for the Mounties was at 7 p.m. on Nov. 16 at Houghton College. The next game for the Mountaineers will be at 3 p.m. on Nov. 19 when they face Columbia Union in the first game of the Pitt-Johnstown Tip-Off Tournament.



SPORTS INFORMATION
Mountaineer center Justin Kress is expected to begin the season as Mansfield's starting center. Kress, in limited action last season averaged 1.6 ppg.

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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2004

The Mountaineer women's basketball team set their sights on the first post-season berth in school history

By CHAD LANDERS

Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University women's basketball team was close to earning their first Pennsylvania State Athletic Conference playoff birth last year. So close in fact, the decision came down to the last day of play for the Mountaineers. This season brings just as much hope and expectations as any, especially since the Mountaineers can taste the post-season.

Head Coach Ruth Hermansen, in her sixth year as the Mansfield head coach, is rapidly becoming one of the best coaches in team history. Last year coach Hermansen's team won a record 14 games, and looks to improve on that mark this year. If the Mountaineers are going to make history and qualify for the PSAC tournament, then they will have to move up a spot from their pre-season projection to finish fifth overall in the PSAC East.

"Obviously we think we have a great shot to finish better than fifth in the conference this season," Hermansen said. "We lost some key players from last season, but we return starters Alison Tagliaferri and Steph

Rieser, along with six players who saw action in 20 or more games. We also now have two people who can play the point."

In order to achieve this goal, Mansfield will have to replace a 1,000-point scorer in Jessica Pfeiffer, and Rachel Rieder, whom complemented junior center Alison Tagliaferri all last year. Pfeiffer was second on the team in scoring average last year with 12.6 points per game. She was also the team's most dangerous three-point threat and best free-throw shooter.

Rieder was the third leading scoring on the team, averaging 9.3 ppg. Not only could Rieder score, but she could play defense as well. Rieder led the team in rebounding with 7.6 rebounds per game and ended the season with 41 blocked shots. Both those players will be missed by coach Hermansen for their leadership and experience.

"We had some holes to fill, but everybody showed up and worked hard in the pre-season," Tagliaferri said.

Not all is lost though for the Mountaineers because they still have one of the most dominating centers in the league returning for her junior year. Tagliaferri was named to the Coaches Preseason All-PSAC East Team. In Tagliaferri's first two seasons, she was named to the PSAC East First Team. This is also the third year in a row that Tagliaferri has earned the pre-season honors. In those same two seasons, Tagliaferri has scored 929 points and pulled down 433 rebounds. Last year Tagliaferri averaged 14.7 ppg, collected 6.9 rpg, and blocked 30 shots.

Tagliaferri feels that she will not always have to shoulder all of the scoring throughout this season. "We have a whole team that can score at any given time in the game," Tagliaferri said.

Senior forward Stephanie Rieser joins Tagliaferri on the court. Both women have played together since arriving on campus in 2001. Rieser brings intensity to the game unmatched by any woman in all of the PSAC. In her last year of action, Rieser looks to rely on her experience and tenacity to propel the Mountaineers to a successful season. Rieser averaged 9.3 ppg last year as a starter, pulling down 4.7 rpg, while managing to take some of the three-point pressure off of Pfeiffer.

Tagliaferri and Rieser are not the only players on this team that will contribute this year. Sophomore guard Jessica Uhrich will be counted on more this year for the Mountaineers, which fits her just fine as she is an aggressive, hardworking player who needs to score to help the Mountaineers. Last year Uhrich only scored 4.5 ppg, but was constantly hustling as she spent more time physically on the gym floor diving for loose balls than any other player.

"I want to be a player who hustles the most on the court," Uhrich said. "I like the dirty work. I focus on hustling out there every time I step onto the court."

Along with Uhrich, Mansfield is filled with so many other role players this year that the team is confidently looking toward post-season aspirations. "I think it will be a huge disappointment if we do not make it to the playoffs this year," Rieser said. "We are better than ever this year. There's no way that we should not make the playoffs."

With the departure of Dana Purnell, the Mountaineers welcome in a senior transfer point guard from Binghamton University Laura Scordino. The Mounties hope that Division I has tested and prepared Scordino well for the tough competition of the

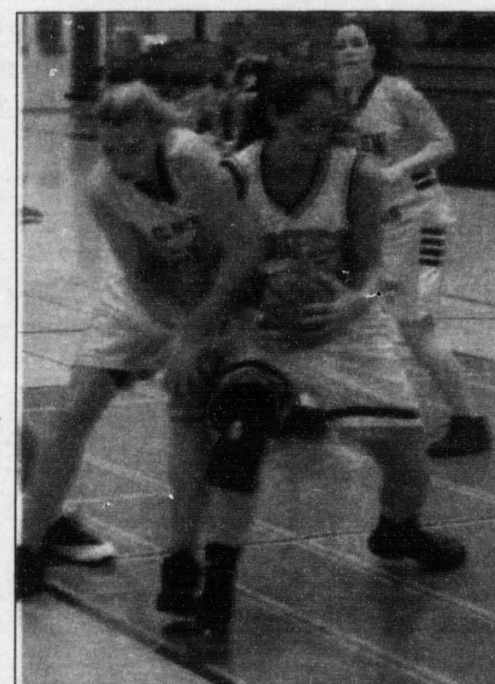
PSAC. She will need to mesh with the team rather quick, and get a feel for playing with her new teammates. When Scordino is not playing, junior point guard Tiffany Taylor will see a lot of action. Taylor brings quickness, aggressiveness, and catlike reflexes to the offensive and defensive side of the court.

"I really like the attitudes of the players on the team," Scordino said. "I just hope that I bring some experience to the team at point guard and shooting guard."

The Mounties have some shooters that will come off the bench that will need to make an impact on the game while they are playing. Juniors Krista Deats and Tiffany Plank can both hit the three-pointer, which the Mounties will count on to balance the attack from inside. With the departure of Rieder, the Mounties will count on senior forward Maura Gibbons and sophomore forward Christine Ross to give Tagliaferri some needed help and rest during the season. Both will need to play tough and aggressive in the post, and rebound well.

With every new season comes new faces, and this season is no different. Along with the transfer of Scordino, the Mounties also welcome Breanne Day, Kelli Eastman, Alicia Espigh, Brittany Reed, and Monice Warren. These new players add much needed depth to the Mounties, as well as some new styles of play. Day and Reed are both experienced guards who had successful high school careers that extended deep into the playoffs. Reed earned All-State honors in both Pennsylvania and Delaware.

Eastman and Espigh continue the theme of great new shooters,

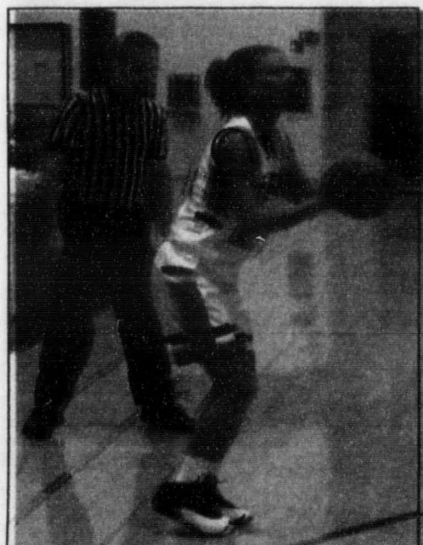


SPORTS INFORMATION

Mansfield center Alison Tagliaferri will attempt to lead the Mountaineer women to their first post-season berth. The junior averaged 14.7 ppg last season.

as both teams led their respective teams in shooting that eventually took them deep into the High School playoffs as well. Espigh totaled 1,557 points in her career at Lewistown High School. She shot 40 percent from the three-point arch and 85 percent from the foul line. Eastman is an aggressive player that took her Seneca Bobcats to a District 10 victory and the deepest playoff appearance in school history. Warren is a very aggressive, hard working player from Abington High School. She will need to step up in the post and use that physical play to her advantage much like Rieser does.

With the high expectations that the Mounties are under, the only thing left for them to do is play the games and come away with victories. The Mounties kick off their season in West Virginia on Nov. 19-20. Nov. 23 is the first home game for the Mountaineers against Houghton College.



SPORTS INFORMATION

Mountaineer senior forward Stephanie Rieser averaged 9.3 ppg in the 2003-2004 season.

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Black Student Union celebrates traditional Kwanzaa holiday

By TYIA KEMPER
Special to the Flashlight

Kwanzaa was celebrated early by the students of Mansfield University in North Hall on Friday, December 3.

The Black Student Union (BSU) hosted a dinner and celebration in honor of this holiday. All were invited including students of all races, family, friends, and faculty. Mansfield students only had to give their meal plan number in order to attend this demonstration. Entertainment was provided by Xande Cruz and Batukis. Pamela Terrell, president of the Zodiak Stance team and a peer mentor, attended the Kwanzaa Festivities. "The invited entertainment was very refreshing with their dynamic styles and intriguing historical facts," Terrell said. "I really enjoyed the crowd participation and I hope they come back next year."

Yorelis Millayes and Edward Watkins, both members of Dialogues in Diversity, served as the mistress and master of ceremonies. Xernalia Kayode shared the meaning of Kwanzaa and how it is celebrated through a reading. LaQuicha Brown, a freshman, attended her first Kwanzaa celebration ever.

"I learned from this experience that Kwanzaa is not just an African-American holiday, but more of a

Thanksgiving-type celebration," Brown said.

BSU gave an authentic replication of how Kwanzaa is celebrated including the ritual of setting a table and the meaning of the seven principles, Nguzo Sada. The setting of the Kwanzaa table was presented by Laurialle Stanton while the seven principles, Nguzo Sada, were presented by Ariella Bradley and LaTasha Handy.

Included among the seven principles are: Umoja (Unity), to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race, Kujichagulia (Self-Determination), Ujima (Collective Work and Responsibility), Ujamaa (Cooperative Economics), Nia (Purpose), Kuumba (Creativity), and Imani (Faith).

At the end of the ceremony, president of BSU, Akriah Bradley, gave her comments and recognition. The closing of the ceremony was given by Annie Cooper, president of multi-cultural affairs. Keith Drummond, vice president of the BSU organization, was proud of the turn out and success of the gala.

"I think the entertainment we had was wonderful," Drummond said. "Overall it seemed that everyone had a great time and they enjoyed the food. I can't wait until next year to celebrate this joyous occasion all over again."

The Seven Principles of Kwanzaa

1. **Umoja** (Unity) - to strive for and maintain unity in the family, community, nation and race
2. **Kujichagulia** (Self-Determination) - to define ourselves, name ourselves, create for our selves and speak for ourselves
3. **Ujima** (Collective Work and Responsibility) - to build and maintain a community together and make the problems of brothers and sisters our own problems
4. **Ujamaa** (Cooperative Economics) - to build and maintain stores and other businesses to profit from them together
5. **Nia** (Purpose) - to make our collective vocation the building and developing of our community in order to restore our people to their traditional greatness
6. **Kuumba** (Creativity) - to always do as much as we can, in the way we can, in order to leave our community more beautiful and beneficial than we inherited it
7. **Imani** (Faith) - to believe with all our heart in our people, parents, teachers, leaders and the righteousness and victory of our struggle

PR Director publishes first novel after 25 years

By LUISA LUCERO
Special to the Flashlight

Director of Public Relations, Dennis Miller, recently published his first novel, *The Perfect Song*, after 25 years of preparation and writing.

Miller always knew that he would become a writer. He began in grade school, and began working as a professional when he was 18 years old. He has always done one type or writing or another, ranging from short stories to scholarly stories for journals.

Miller began writing his novel one-year before becoming the PR Director at Mansfield University. Twenty-five years later his goal was achieved; he finally saw his book in print. Miller's book is a story of life and the achievement of a dream, so much like the lives all people live.

The plot of the story focuses on Mendel, a struggling writer who travels the country attempting to write the perfect song. In his frustration he throws out many sounds along the way that are found by a man named Poul. Poul then contacts a publisher, J.W. Beasley who recognizes the genius behind the works and decides to publish them. Beasley then creates a myth around the author, and Mendel is unknowingly named the world's greatest artist.

When Miller began writing *The Perfect Song*, he was targeting young adults, but he was surprised to find out the story attracted both a young and old audience. Now that the novel is completed, Miller is in the learning process of

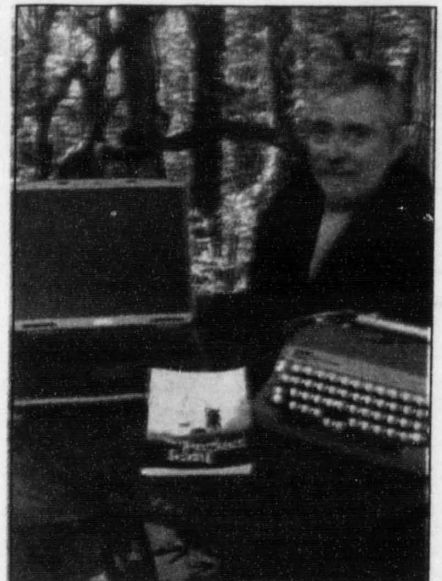


PHOTO FROM MU PUBLIC RELATIONS
Dennis Miller, Director of MU Public Relations recently published his first novel that he has been working on for 25 years.

Marketing and Sales. He reflects on the marketing of the book "like a child, there it is, but now it is treated as a product."

As Miller worked on the novel, his family loved and supported him, according to Miller. He remembers this through a story of his daughter growing up with a father as a writer. His daughter, who was five when he began writing, used to fall asleep to the sound of the typewriter and would wake up if he stopped because she would be afraid that something was wrong.

"Life is what happens to a writer between drafts," Miller said.

Since Miller had published his book, he has traveled the country four times. On the last trip, he took and scattered the papers of his novel as Mendel had done in *The Perfect Song*.

The Flashlight staff
would like to wish
all a safe and
Happy Holiday!



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Basketball starts
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Today's Weather



Mostly cloudy with
a 20% chance of
precipitation.

High: 48° Low: 37°

Information taken from weather.com

Weekly Weather



TODAY



Mostly cloudy with a 20% chance of precipitation.

High: 48° Low: 37°

FRIDAY



Showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 47° Low: 36°

SATURDAY



Rain/snow showers with a 50% chance of precipitation.

High: 48° Low: 39°

SUNDAY



Snow showers with a 40% chance of precipitation.

High: 39° Low: 29°

MONDAY



Few showers with a 30% chance of precipitation.

High: 40° Low: 24°

TUESDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 10% chance of precipitation.

High: 36° Low: 23°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly cloudy with a 0% chance of precipitation.

High: 34° Low: 25°

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Info-to-Go Campus Bulletin Board

★ **MU Honors Students:** The second required meeting for all honors students will be on Thursday, January 13 in the North Manser Dining Hall. Check-in is at 4:15 and dinner will begin at 4:30. The meeting will last from 5-6 p.m. Students who have submitted a completed application for the SSHE Summer trip to Paris should plan to stay after the meeting to meet with Honors Council for a 15 minute interview.

★ **MU Student Discussion Group:** Every Sunday, a discussion group will be held in the basement of Holy Child following the 11 a.m. mass. A variety of topics will be discussed. **EVERYONE IS WELCOME! FREE PIZZA AND SODA WILL BE SERVED!** For more information, contact Courtney at x4431.

★ **Alternative Spring Break Experience?** United Campus Ministry will be taking MU students to Red Bird Mission in Kentucky this spring break (March 5-13, 2005). To find out more, stop by 112 Pinecrest, call x4431 or email: cmurphy@mnsfld.edu.

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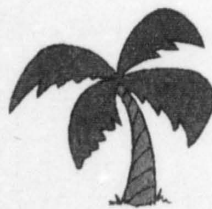
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Brand new weekly columns begin next semester in *The Flashlight*

Hi! My name is Emilee and I am the Graduate Assistant for Greek Affairs and Community Service Learning here at Mansfield. Every other week, I will be the voice of "The Greek Letter," a column dedicated to bringing you all the news from MU's Greek Community. I look forward to your responses!

Student Affairs Corner

At the beginning of next semester, the "Student Affairs Corner" will debut in Mansfield University's, *The Flashlight*, as a way to keep you, the student, informed about what is going on in Student Affairs.

Although each addition will be different, throughout the semester you will be given the opportunity to learn about the people who work in Student Affairs, what Student Affairs does for you now, and also what is being planned for the future.

Before the beginning of next semester, the column may undergo a name change (suggestions please)! However, regardless of what we call it, the column will be sure to provide some insight into where the "big opportunities" are that Mansfield is famous for!

The Greek Letter

At the beginning of the academic year awards were given out to recognize the efforts of individuals and entire chapters. These honors, awarded based on the result of the previous semesters Star System points and the winners were as follows.

Greek Week Champs:

Fraternity Champs: Sigma Tau Gamma

Sorority Champs: Zeta Tau Alpha

Outstanding Academic Achievement - Delta Zeta

Outstanding Charitable Donations - Zeta Tau Alpha

Outstanding Community Service - Zeta Tau Alpha

Overall Points Winner - Zeta Tau Alpha

Highest GPA Among Fraternity Men - Garth Babcock FMD

Highest GPA Among Sorority Women - Lauren West DZ

Highest GPA Among Fraternity New Members - Dennis Hosey STG

Highest GPA Among Sorority New Members - GERALYN MITCHELL ASA

-On Tuesday, Oct. 19, Zeta Alpha hosted their annual "Big Man on Campus" event in order to raise awareness and funds for breast cancer research. The event was won by Mr. Delta Zeta and raised over \$600.00 for the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation.

-On Tuesday, Nov. 9 Sigma Alpha Epsilon became officially recognized by the Mansfield University community as a social fraternity. The 17 member chapter has been working over the course of two semesters to meet the requirements of both the national office and the university.

-On Wednesday, December 8 at 6:00pm the Beta class of Order of Omega was initiated and accepted as members. Order of Omega is a national Greek honorary that recognizes students within the Greek community who excel academically and promote leadership in their chapter and the Greek community as a whole.

News in a flash: News of the Region

By MICHELE PEET
Flashlight Writer

MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY - The traditional reading room in North Hall has recently been dedicated to Larry Nesbit and his 32 years of service to Mansfield University. Nesbit is the Director of Informational Resources.

ELMIRA, N.Y. - Residents of Elmira recently celebrated the 169th birthday of Samuel Langhorne Clemens. Clemens better known as Mark Twain lived in Elmira for most of his life.

TIOGA TOWNSHIP, Pa. - A teenager was killed and two others were seriously injured in a car crash on Route 15 last Wednesday. The three teenagers, who were also sisters, traveling in one vehicle hit an oncoming vehicle during last Wednesday's foggy weather.

SAVONA, N.Y. - The family of Derrick Robie will be featured on '48 Hours Mystery' on CBS on Saturday. Robie was the 4-year-old murder victim of Eric Smith in 1993. Smith will also give his first explanation to the nation.

COUDERSPORT, Pa. - An area man died as a result of a fire that struck his home early Sunday morning. An extension cord, possibly carrying too much voltage for its size, was the cause of the fire.

WATKINS GLEN, N.Y. - The empty train tracks that run through Watkins Glen will have a train to fill them in benefit of the American Stroke Association. The train will give tours as a fundraiser this Saturday.

Information was taken from
The Star-Gazette online

By LUISA LUCERO
Flashlight Writer

BEIJING, CHINA - After a gas explosion in a coal mine located in northern China 25 miners are left dead and 141 still trapped underground. Only those close to the ground exit were able to be rescued, the explosion happened 8,000 meters away from the ground entrance. Carbon Monoxide and a loss of communication are hindering the efforts of six rescue groups.

SANTIAGO, Chile - Illegal imprisonment and torture by the previous Chilean dictator Gen. Augusto Pinochet, are being compensated by the current president Ricardo Lagos. After reviewing papers of the torture during Pinochet's regime and interviewing 35,000 people, Lagos came to his decision. The victims will receive both money and benefits from the state.

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Top Pakistan officials test fired a new

version of their medium-ranged nuclear-capable missile Monday. The research for the missile came from China, and the surface-to-surface range is 180 miles. Pakistan informed all neighboring countries before the missile was released.



U.S.A. - The Church of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan had their appeal rejected by the Supreme Court. They wanted to overturn a ruling by an appeal courts which doesn't allow them the opportunity to wear masks, robes, or hoods at gatherings. The members want to be masked to convey their message of white separatism and white pride.

DENVER, Colo. - NBC Sports Chairman Dick Ebersol was seriously injured in a plane crash when the plane crashed and burned during take-off. At least two people were killed, Ebersol's two sons were on the plane, one is seriously injured while the other is still missing. Ebersol's wife, actress Susan St. James was not on the plane.

ANCHORAGE, Ala. - The Alaska National Guard found a missing pilot in a remote southern Alaskan Bay. He had been missing since Monday, but was found in upbeat and in good spirits. During a training exercise Michael Holman was spotted by the Coast Guard Crew. Holman was safe with plenty of water and provisions staying inside a cabin, he was outside the 4,000 mi. area where his searches had been looking for him.

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From Russia with love: I will be home soon

BY HILLARY GRUMBINE

Flashlight Writer

The time has come for that teary Da Svidanya Volgograd column I promised before. How sad that it's time for that already. Most of what I've written about my stay here has been about places and a few of the great people I've met along the way. I've talked a little about my feelings about sharing holidays and musical experiences. But I haven't mentioned what my stay here has been like for me, the real me behind the music and sentimental holiday lover.

Volgograd, Russia has been the experience of a lifetime. I've never lived in such a place my entire life. Sometimes I feel like the reality I experience here is more real than anything I've ever experienced at home. People live more simply, the life and energy here is raw. There's a war going on hours away, I could look out my window and see what a horrible economy has done to families across the street living in shacks. I think one of the numer-

ous things I will take home with me is that I'm thankful every day for the life and the opportunity I have in my country.

In America, we're often sheltered from a lot of the harsh realities of life. We grow immune to the way things are around us because we don't see it that often. In Russia, that harsh reality is everywhere you look. And yet life goes on. The people I've met amaze me. They've been through some horrible things but keep pushing on, keep setting goals and never stop dreaming. They dream of a better time, a better life, a better reality. I can only hope that someday, somehow they find that.

I have friends on both sides of the Russia/Chechnya conflict. I've been warned against talking to Chechans because of the vast cultural differences as well the stereotypes of the average Chechan person. However, I've always been taught and believe that you don't judge a person by where they're from or what they look like. I

befriend those who are respectful, kind individuals, whether they be from Chechnya, Russia, America, Austria, etc. Because of my beliefs

I've been fortunate enough to meet some wonderful people. I will never forget these people even if I never make it back to Russia.

Saturday night I had a traditional Chechnyan dinner at my friend Movsar's. It was an amazing experience. We had a

dish called zhizhig galnash. It's almost like a sticky pasta that you dip into an onion bullion. It's delicious! It was served with a spicy carrot salad and chicken. Sitting on a floor, eating some food with my fingers. I felt like this is what I'd come here for. (No, not great food.) I'd come here to really experience something new, exciting and

completely different. Eating with friends, listening to traditional Chechnyan music and talking over a food that's very common in their

culture was something I wasn't sure I'd ever do here but I'm so glad I had the opportunity to.

One of the reasons I haven't talked about my experiences here is because it's so difficult to really explain. As you're dealing with culture shock, trying to make friends and

learn a new language, you're changing. It's hard to put into words the kind of change that happens during three months of life in a place like Russia. You know that you've changed, you know you think differently, but you can't put your finger on exactly how you've changed or when it even happened.

I do know that I'm more confi-

dent now than I was when I left Newark Airport on September 6. I know that I can make it when I don't know anyone and everything is alien to me, including the language. I know I'm strong and independent and I can live anywhere in the world and I'll be okay. I'm coming back to Mansfield in January to spend my last semester. I graduate in May and when I hold that diploma in my hand, I know I'll be so proud. I've really done it. I've learned not just "book smarts" but I've learned and grown as a person. That's what studying abroad is all about and because of my studies here I know I'll bring back many things to Mansfield. I look forward to seeing some of you there when I get home. I'd be happy to talk with you about my stay because I know it will bring back fantastic memories. It's been a pleasure writing each week and I hope it's been a pleasure for you as well.

So da svidanya Volgograd, hopefully I'll see you again soon.

"I've learned not just 'book smarts' but I've learned and grown as a person. That's what studying abroad is all about"

End of semester bookends, part one

BY: AMY KENDIG

Flashlight Writer

The walls are bare, the closets are almost cleaned out, and only the essentials are left in what appears to be a very large room. At the end of a semester it would be a typical happening, but this time this is not the circumstance. My time at Mansfield University has come to an end.

Next semester I will sustain a fifteen-credit internship for the Reading Royals hockey team, which requires me to move back home in Reading, PA. However, I will be venturing back to Mansfield University upon completion of my internship, to graduate on May 7, 2005.

It is odd that arriving as freshmen, a number of students (including myself) do not want to look forward, but as seniors we also do not want to reflect back. However, when I do look back, I see growth, granted wishes, and a lot of fun.

Last week, a close friend asked if I would write this article to share my experiences at Mansfield University and, possibly, some advice with all of you. To be honest, I did not want to write the "farewell" article at first. Granted, I was flattered when he asked, but I was also hesitant because it

meant beginning my good-bye's. Saying good-bye was what I waited this whole semester for, but it was not something that I was prepared to do.

When one comes to college it is foolish to think that you are prepared for so much to happen, both good and bad, in such a short amount of time. While four years may seem like a long road for freshmen, however, President Halstead, the faculty, and staff are not exaggerating when they state that time goes by so quickly that, before you realize it, you will be graduating.

Time is fast, and one must live every minute of it, and try to regret nothing. I do not have any regrets because regrets are, in my opinion, a waste of time. Regrets only hold one back instead of aiding them to move on and learn from the life's misfortunate happenings.

The part of my life spent at Mansfield University has been a serendipitous roller coaster that is worth more than any material object. Now, no one ever said life was easy, especially college life. There have been hardships in my life, including family deaths and other personal struggles, and dealing with hardship is difficult when immediate family

is not near. Thus, I remembered an insight that my father instilled in me when growing up: "you cannot change history." This simple fact leads me to push forward everyday to live my life to the fullest.

In addition to my family, true friends have also helped to weather the storms and make me smile. The term "friend" is tricky in college because who you believe to be your friend could really be an acquaintance. A lot of the time, students, and people in general, cannot see that. Be careful whom you establish as a "friend." At times, people become blinded by the number of friends they have instead of the quality of friends. Besides the personal connection, reliability and truth in a friend are the most important; even then, one could be misled. However, coming to college includes experiencing issues of friendship let alone many others.

Another close friend always encouraged me to experience everything that I am capable of (as long as it is healthy), since the time at Mansfield University is short. If you miss it, then you cannot get that moment back.

Whether your experience includes going to a certain establishment for wings every Wednesday night, or celebrating an Anti-Valentines Day, or straggling in at 6:00 AM

when the sun comes up with four other of your friends, or perhaps interviewing with a major corporation for an internship... it does not matter because the *experience* is what leads to not only memories, but to personal growth.

I have established friendships and, at the same time, I have ended them. I have fallen in love and I have fallen out of love. I have experienced classes where professors have inspired me and I have suffered the opposite. I have done many great things during my time at Mansfield University, whether it was in organizations, work, or the classrooms. With all of the tests that I have taken at the university I have one bigger test ahead: to finish my educational career, which will be more difficult, and important, than any other that I have taken here.

In closing, a very brilliant band called The Beatles (surprisingly enough it is not the Dave Matthews Band) stated in the song "In My Life"...

There are places I remember
All my life, though some have changed,
Some forever, not for better,
Some have gone and some remain.
All these places had their moments,
With lovers and friends I still can recall,
Some are dead and some are living,
In my life I've loved them all...

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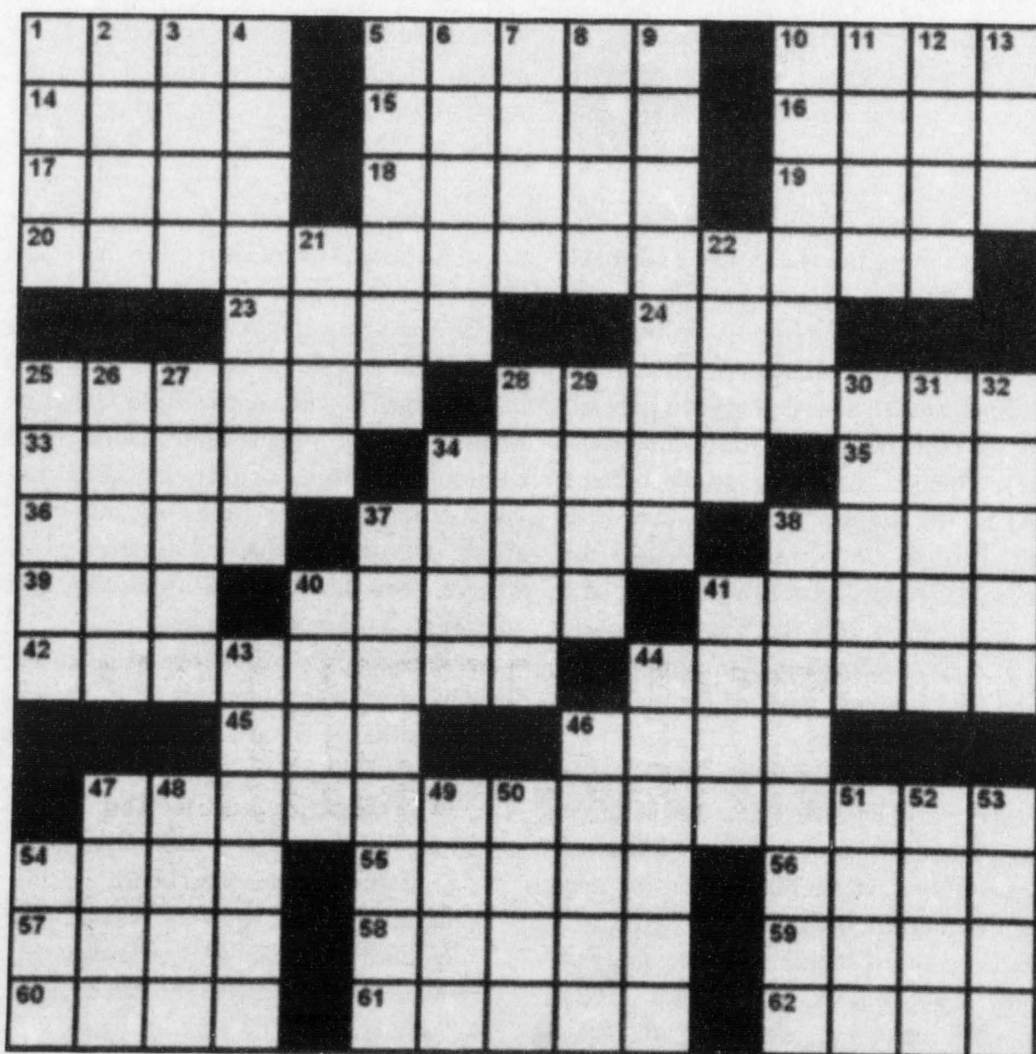
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1. Type of mineral with very thin "leaves"
5. Finger of approval if up
10. Usually found next to "File"
14. Muscle pain
15. Located near a hilum
16. Without clothes
17. Peter Griffin's wife
18. The muse of lyric and love poetry
19. Wooden object used in some woodwind instruments
20. Not corresponding in size or degree
23. Platform built out from the shore for boats
24. Informed on the latest trends, or a body part
25. These are found in spiral shells in the sea
28. Sea mammal having thick dark brown fur
33. Camera company
34. Dark's nemesis
35. DNA counterpart
36. Got the nickname "the Terrible"
37. WWF event "Wrestle _____"
38. Averis _____
39. Annoy
40. Clear metallic sounds
41. German pianist _____ Schumann
42. Something of sentimental value
44. Become lifeless
45. Member of the Buddhist people near the Laos river

46. Sexually transmitted disease
47. Incapable of being resisted
54. Wild goat of mountain areas
55. Tiny or detectable amount
56. A mixture, a medley
57. Not of a university
58. Small island in the central of the Pacific Ocean
59. Persuading someone to buy
60. New Jersey basketball team
61. Brothers who created fairytales
62. Wood used in furniture and shipbuilding

Down

1. Republic in northwestern Africa
2. Found on your computer desktop
3. Elegant and stylish
4. Of or relating to Aesop
5. Subject matter of stories, music, or art
6. One who hires
7. Capital of Mongolia _____ Bator
8. Flooring used in gymnastics
9. Loud confused noise from many sources
10. In a state of delight or ecstasy
21. Vitamin D source
22. Public act of violence

25. Alert agile lizard
26. Type of star, nova
27. Memorable saying, important fact
28. Lightly burn
29. Armor plate that protects the chest
30. Part of a tire
31. To make use of (law)
32. Popular food of college students
34. Long and lean
37. Make a cat like sound
38. Policy of Russia allowing free discussion of social problems
40. Male emperor of Russia before 1917 (title)
41. Monetary unit in Ghana
43. Network of intersecting blood vessels
44. Type of Chinese food using steamed or fried dumplings. (2 wrds)
46. Early morning wake up device
47. Double reed woodwind instrument
48. To let off steam verbally
49. Ice crystals forming a white deposit
50. Small ornamental ladies' bag
51. Great merriment
52. Hindu word for "play", also a female name
53. Yellow mass in an egg
54. Red Roof _____

End of semester bookends, part two

BY NATHAN D HERRING
Flashlight Writer

Nervousness, anxiety, and the uncertainty of the future are some common feelings typical freshmen have when setting foot on a college campus for the first time.

I was no different: I did not know what to expect when I came to college. Mansfield University may be considered a small school, however, in contrast to my high school, it is has a much larger population of students. I graduated from a small high school in Schuylkill County, PA. My graduating class of ninety-nine students was tiny compared to an incoming freshman class of over seven-hundred at Mansfield.

I was not sure what to expect from college classes. My idea of a typical class was the impression that I received from Hollywood movies with professors lecturing about Shakespearean literature and quan-

tum theories and other fancy, scholarly terminology. I learned quickly that classes were not as difficult or confusing as I had imagined. The professors at Mansfield make the courses comprehensible, and are there to give additional assistance to any student in need of assistance. The amount of homework I received was not any more than I received in high school, but what I had considered a major project back then turned out to be a typical assignment in college. I learned that by having classes scattered throughout the day and only a few times a week made it easier to find time to do the assignments.

I am a member of the Mansfield University "Pride of Pennsylvania" marching band, so I arrived in Mansfield a week before classes started to attend band camp. This allowed me to become familiar with the campus before classes officially began, and gave me many

opportunities to meet other students. Once band camp ended and the band season started, I had fun traveling and performing with such

a great ensemble. I have met a lot of people through marching band and I decided that I'd like to get involved in other organizations.

When the semester began, I realized that getting involved with on-campus organizations provided opportunities to meet others that

share similar interests. I am currently a member of the PRSSA (Public Relations Student Society of America), Mountie Sound Machine

basketball band, Tau Beta Sigma band sorority, and I write for the Flashlight. Here at Mansfield University so many organizations focus on different themes that there is probably a group that would satisfy everyone's interest. I personally got involved because I felt that by joining different organizations I could express my

interests and share my thoughts and ideas with others.

As the semester winds down, dead-

lines for projects and term papers are approaching quickly, and finals are only next week. In high school, I never had finals. My school was one of the very few that did not require them, so it will be a new experience for me. I am learning firsthand what "end of semester stress" is. Some of my friends that were already in college have explained "End of semester stress," yet I could never really understand how bad it was until now, while I am experiencing it myself.

Even though the stress of finals is difficult, my overall experience at Mansfield was a good one. I met many new people, joined a lot of organizations, and I feel I have become part of the campus community. I am glad that finals are almost over and I am looking forward to the start of next semester. When I return in January it will signify that I have survived my first semester of life at Mansfield University.

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Black Friday Blues

By TRAVIS M. CORTER
Flashlight Writer

Christmas carols won't be on the lips of MU Senior Brandon Navrocki this holiday season.

That's because somebody apparently decided they deserved an early Christmas gift at Navrocki's expense.

The hubcaps were stolen off Navrocki's car wheels at the Susquehanna Valley Mall one afternoon during Thanksgiving break. "I couldn't find my car because it looked different. The hubcaps were gone," Navrocki said.

According to Navrocki, he and his friends went to the mall. They walked around the mall for an hour. Then they decided to leave to get something to eat. That's when Navrocki noticed his car was missing its hubcaps. "I was mad. I was going to take matters into my own hands, but that's another story," Navrocki said.

Navrocki didn't report the incident to mall security. "I figured they wouldn't be able to do anything because there are no cameras in the parking lot," Navrocki said. Instead, he talked to an employee of a sporting goods store in the mall. "The guy I talked to said

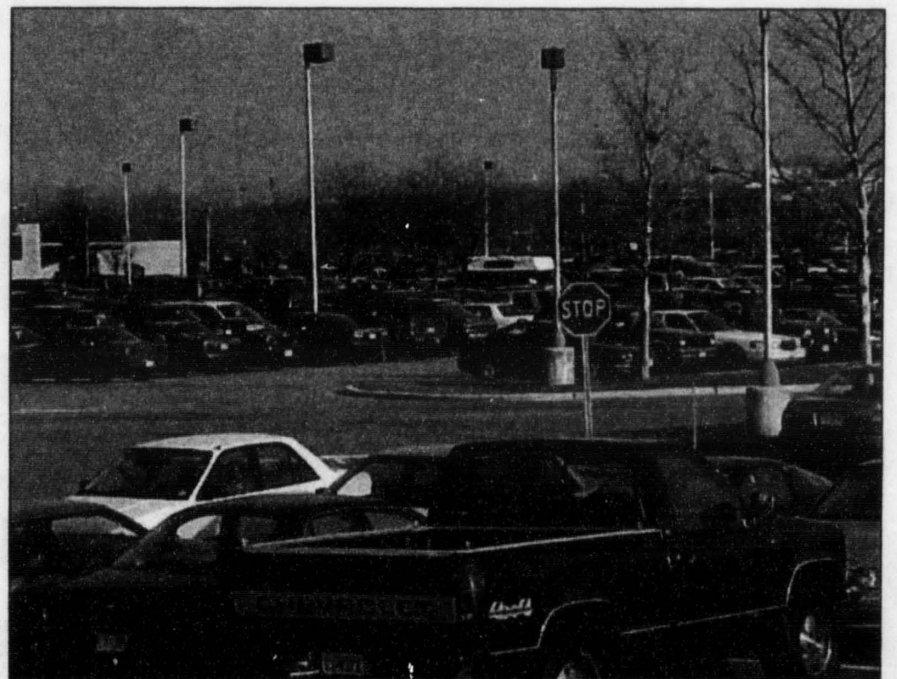
there's nothing security can do if nobody saw someone take the hubcaps," Navrocki said.

Navrocki got into his car and drove it home without hubcaps on his tires.

He thinks there is an obvious problem with security in the mall parking lot. "Other people that I know have gotten their hubcaps stolen, too. I think there need to be cameras in the parking lot. There

should also be someone driving around the parking lot to make sure nothing is being tampered with," Navrocki said.

Navrocki replaced the hubcaps with the set of hubcaps that came with his car. "I decided not to buy fancy hubcaps because they would probably be stolen again. I don't want to sit by my car or hire a bodyguard to keep my hubcaps safe," Navrocki said.



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Navrocki said he will not be asking for new hubcaps this holiday.

Hot holiday suggestions from Oprah's wish list

By KELLY ANN MURRAY
Flashlight Features Co-Editor

When it comes to holiday gift ideas, there is no better source than the Oprah Winfrey Show. Every year, one lucky audience is granted with the chance of a lifetime as they receive thousands of dollars worth of free merchandise. For those of us not lucky enough to experience the wonders of Oprah's Favorite Things in person, the gift ideas presented in these episodes are truly priceless information alone. This holiday, impress the people on your gift list with Oprah's picks for the hottest finds of the season.

The annual Oprah's favorite things giveaway presents a variety of gift ideas suitable for all price ranges. Gifts are categorized by price in the following increments: gifts under \$25, gifts under \$50, gifts under \$100, and gifts over \$100.

Oprah has selected gifts ranging from practical to delectable in her gifts under \$25 category. The first featured is a colorful flower pot of assorted bottle corks perfect for bottles of wine or olive oil. A great gift for mom or special women, this gift can be purchased at www.artecnicainc.com for \$12. Also included in this category are candles made by Ana Pageant. Tied in bundle like a bouquet of flowers, these candles would be the perfect gift to bring to a holiday party. A set of two goes for \$20 and can be purchased by calling 609-394-0300. Impress dog lovers this year by surprising them with a doggie change purse by J.P. Ourse & Cie. This coin purse is \$22 and is available at jpourse.co.

Highlights from Oprah's list of gifts under \$50 include a Stila lip gloss compact for \$36 at www.stilacosmetics.com. This little set of shades is the perfect stocking stuffer. Oprah also graced audiences with a \$33 tin of truffles from www.moonstruckchocolates.com. The mix of assorted chocolates includes a truffle made with Bailey's Irish Cream.

Another present suitable for any lady on the under \$50 list is the Chico's Ox Cuff Watch. This \$40 watch looks like a million bucks, but costs a small price. The watch is available at www.chicos.com.

Oprah's list of gifts for under \$100 covers a number of tastes from gadgets to gloves. Nintendo's Gameboy Advance SP made this year's list for its crystal clear display screen. Available online or at retailers for only \$80, this gift will impress a little one, or a big one who refuses to grow up.

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A fashion guide for the holiday season



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Blue women's cable knit gloves (shown right) are only six dollars at Old Navy stores, and the Old Navy Performance Fleece Hoodie is \$27.

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Extravagant purchases include frozen custards for \$75 and leather gloves lined with silk by Neimun Marcus for \$86. The custards are available at www.kopps.com and the gloves can be purchased at www.neimunmarcus.com.

For that special someone, Oprah also selects gifts that cost over \$100. Portable AM/FM radios by Tivoli

Audio made the list because of their amazing speaker quality. The radios are \$130 at www.tivoliaudio.com. A handbag that doubles as a case for ipods also made Oprah's pricy list coming in at \$145. This bag by Felicidade Bag can be purchased by calling 877-611-2688.

No matter what the price range, Oprah has found something for everyone.

By KELLY ANN MURRAY

Flashlight Features Co-Editor

Looking to turn heads this holiday? The retailers of the world have stocked their racks with fashions that will take normal holiday looks from gaudy, to glamorous. Put away those snow man sweaters and throw out those signing Santa ties. This holiday, rock around the Christmas tree in style.

Red and green, a traditional and beloved color combination of the season may be great for gift-wrap, but may not be the best choice for outfits this year.

A walk through any mall will suggest that vivid shades and pastels are colors of the moment. To dress in the spirit of the holidays, without looking like Christmas camouflage, stick to warm shades of purple, like plum, and rosie colors like pink. Complement the tinsel on your tree by donning metallic colors like silver and gold. Afraid that some of these color combinations will make you look more like you belong on the lawn instead of the runway? Basic black is still a classic color of the winter months.

This year, glamorize that little black dress by adding a vivid wrap or shiny jewelry. Choice accessories this year include handbags, broaches, hats, and scarves of all materials and colors.

Dressy feminine looks this year include fitted and pleated designs. Jackets and skirts are a winning combination this holiday. Look for colorful jackets that are cut for the female figure. Pleated skirts or skirts embellished with lace are also good choices for festive occasions. Not a skirt kind of girl? Pair cropped pants with heels. Complete the look by adding a lacy camisole with a fitted blazer over top.

Holiday fashions for men this season include turtlenecks and pin stripe pants.

When choosing sweaters, pair crew neck or V-neck tops with complementing collared shirts underneath. When wearing a collared shirt,

today's trends suggest "popping the collar." This is a simple term meaning to wear a collar turned up. Cable-knit designs are also popular for men's sweaters this holiday.

Casual men's attire this season calls for striped button downs and faded vintage jeans. Even faded

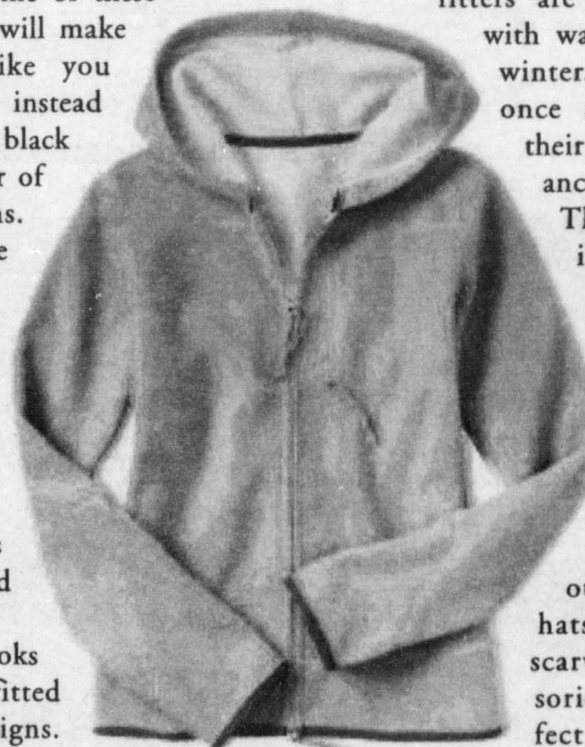
or dirty jeans paired with a trendy shirt are entirely appropriate for informal gatherings and parties this season. Popular colors for men's attire include muted shades and earth tones.

For chilly evenings of caroling or hanging holiday decor outdoors, popular outfitters are stocking shelves

with warm looks for the winter. Old Navy has once again reinvented their popular performance fleece sweaters.

This year's styles include fitted zip-down fleece for women and half-zip pullovers for men. Winter accessories are also a must this holiday. Accent outfits with warm hats and colorful scarves. These accessories also make perfect gift for anyone.

Whether heading to a company holiday party or over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house, there are stylish, comfortable, and affordable outfits available for every occasion this year. Afraid some of these items won't fit into a tight budget? That's what post-holiday sales are for! Pick up some of today's hottest looks for less after Christmas!



Opinion & Editorial

"From the editors desk"



If you don't have anything newsworthy to say, don't say anything at all

Modern news outlets fail to deliver relevant political and scientific information

Which one of these headlines does not belong?

- (A.) Insurgents kill 21 Iraqis
- (B.) Leukemia pill has 86 percent remission rate
- (C.) President Bush attends church, goes biking

If you answered A then you're probably not an Iraqi. If you answered B you're most likely, well, "healthy". And if you answered C, you're right by my standards. I recently came to the solid conclusion that I'd prefer professional journalists NOT to pander to my media-induced short attention span by giving me several short news announcements, but rather research and write a few important stories well. The headlines presented above were taken from last Sunday's headlines on CNN.com. "President Bush attends church, goes biking" was listed once at the top of the website, once under U.S. news, and once under politics. First let me state, this isn't an attack on the

President. I'd still be throwing a temper tantrum if the headline read "President Kerry polishes Purple Hearts." I just fail to see why this is pertinent political information.

Hoping that he headline was poorly worded, I hesitantly clicked the article's link, only to learn that the President had spent the day walking around town in a cowboy hat, mountain biking, and relaxing. Well good for him; everyone deserves some relaxation, so I'm happy for the man, but on the same note I wouldn't publish "Halstead rakes leaves, sleeps in" in *The Flashlight*. I must note that this article, although irrelevant, was significantly less disgusting than the series of George W. receives colonoscopy headlines we saw about a year ago.

I know I'm rambling a bit, but I do have a point. My years at *The Flashlight* have taught me how hard it is to simply come up with good story ideas, let alone make sure your reporters cover all of them well, but if we don't remain

critical of the media we will see no change. If the press is to be a "government watchdog" we need to make sure that our nation's journalists are watching the right things (not just stalking the president).

So many trends in today's media and political arenas frighten me, but the one thing that frightens me more is societal indifference. Many of us may not like what we see, but we don't feel it is worth our time to voice those opinions. Contact your local officials, write your college or local newspaper and voice your opinions.

Similarly, I encourage the organizations, the administration and the faculty of Mansfield to simply e-mail *The Flashlight* periodically next semester and let us know what your organization or group is currently working on or talking about. By doing this, you will better help the students involved with *The Flashlight* to deliver the most relevant university information to you.

WHAT DO YOU THINK?

Are too many of today's headlines irrelevant and/or poorly researched?

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Commentary: Merry Christmas - Your Pal, Zach XOXOXO

By ZACH DuBORD
Flashlight Writer

I love Christmas. I love Christmas so much that, even now, I like to watch the television cartoons. I dare say that the Charlie Brown and Garfield Christmas specials are my favorite. Some of my best childhood memories are hanging out with my parents on Christmas Eve, while eating a bunch of snacks after coming back from church and watching movies until it is time for me to go to bed and try to sleep. Call me old fashioned, but this is the way I like it. Nowadays, I watch the 24 Hours of a Christmas story on TNT while I relive the glory days of the past.

I must admit that I often wish the Ghost of Christmas Past would come and flying dropkick the Ghost of Christmas Present. In fact, I'd like to formally state that I am in full agreement with Mr. Charles Brown; Christmas has got-

ten far too commercial for my taste. This was firmly cemented in my mind this year when I walked to into the Wegmans in Corning one day before Halloween. On one side of the entryway was a row of pumpkins. This is approved seasonal merchandise. On the other side of the entryway was Christmas contraband. Trees, wreaths, sleighs, and fake snow. None of these are approved seasonal merchandise by me; no, not for the middle of October.

Why the heck would you buy a tree in OCTOBER? It's going to DIE by the time Christmas finally rolls around, but that's okay, you can put up your Easter decorations. Yes Bing, it is beginning to look a lot like Christmas, so let's go to the monster mash.

Furthermore, when did the Friday after Thanksgiving come to have the same namesake as a plague? Probably the same day

when people stopped putting forth actual thought in the shopping for gifts. Instead of going to the local shops and stores to pick out that perfect present, we go to Wal-Mart, employer of thousands of minimum wage, union-less, right-less laborers, and we purchase the 'hot' new toy for the year, sometimes at the cost of a punch in the eye, a kick in the leg, or a knife in the kidney. After all, nothing says love thy neighbor like cutting in line, yelling at fellow shoppers, and getting up at three in the morning to stand in line for a thirty dollar piece of plastic crap. I don't imagine it will be long before you will see 'the hot new toy' featured on Good Morning America will be a plastic turd in a box; soon people will be hitting the streets and fighting each other for their very own abominable Christmas turd. Or maybe their very own crucify-me Jesus.

I'd like to point out that at this very moment, as I'm typing these stinking words on this stinking page, I just heard a Destiny's Child Christmas song in which they sing about the first day of Christmas when her "baby" gave her keys to a Mercedes CLK, and "doesn't it feel like Christmas." Oh yes, it does very much feel like Christmas, the one where I turn the radio off and throw my television out the window, and drive my 1999 Dodge Neon off a cliff.

Forgive me for sounding old fashioned, but there is more to Christmas than blind consumerism. For all you critics out there, allow me to acknowledge that I have not been to church in two years, yet it bothers even me that Christmas has become nothing but a series weeks in which most people become stressed, some people become lonely, most everybody gets poorer, and more people take

their own lives than at any other time of the year.

I know that calling it X-mas can be misleading, but try to remember, Christmas is the celebration of the birth of the savior of humanity, so maybe we ought to try a little brotherly love. Maybe take a little time to volunteer at the food bank, or donate to the various charitable organizations. For the love of god, at least give a little pocket change to the Salvation Army and stop that infernal ringing.

Lastly, and more importantly, take a moment to at least think about the people that are close to you, and no matter how much you think the war in Iraq is idiotic or necessary, take a moment to think about the people who won't be able to be home for the holidays with their families. After you do that, go do something nice for somebody; kindness and charity are two things you can't buy on sale at Wal-Mart.

Letter: Response to 'This is the Real World' editorial

Dear Editor,

I enjoyed your recent editorial on the over used term "the Real World," and I would like to expand on that general theme. I too have professors that have utilized this term and, frankly, have become annoyed with both the frequency and misuse of this terminology.

As educators, professors are expected to persuade, motivate, and inspire students to perform to their highest potential. It was in this spirit, I believe, that the term "the Real World" was coined. Unfortunately, this has become more of a warning at best, and often becomes a scare tactic to emphasize something that the instructor has been teaching in their class. Yet, because of the variation of uses, the terminology has become distorted and misunderstood by both the speaker and the audience. The context of the persuasive argument presented is inher-

ently flawed. Persuasion must include ethos, pathos and logos, and because of the multiplicity of experiences, one or more of these requirements are absent. What exactly is this fictional "Real World?" Whose reality is it, and, more importantly, who decided that it should represent the entire world? Each segment of the work force has its own "reality," i.e. rules, norms and accepted practices, and they all differ. How can one single term encapsulate the entire world and make it small enough for a few rules, and often one single rule, to be the governing practice of the entire professional world? The logos of the argument is completely lost at this point. I understand that there are commonalities that are generally accepted, but there are so many variations involved, even in those generalities, that even they are not true examples that would apply in this fictional "Real World."

I personally find it offensive when I hear an educator that has spent their entire career within the "world" of academia use this term. How can this professor expect to maintain credibility if they have not experienced any other environment? I have personally experienced at least five career changes, not to mention that this is my second experience in the academic environment, both of which have been at Mansfield University and both have been drastically different. I personally have yet to find enough similarities that would allow me to construct any thing even remotely resembling this mythical "Real World."

I believe that new terminology is in order in this instance, and as the largest abusers of this terminology seems to be well-educated professors, I cannot imagine that it would be that difficult for them to search their vocabulary for a better way to express this idea in a more con-

vincing, less redundant fashion. Perhaps, as suggested by one professor, they could use the term "In my experience..." That seems to encapsulate the concept without becoming too broad, and actually increases their credibility by applying it to their own personal experience. This simple change would also appeal to the students that admire and emulate that specific professor, and would create an emotional tie to that belief system, making it an overall more convincing persuasive argument.

I hope that by reading this letter more professors will begin to understand that each situation is different, as is each student and his or her own personal reality. I believe that it is time to stop trying to force all students into a perceived reality of a "Real World" that, in reality, does not even exist.

Sincerely,
Joseph King

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Letter:**Large class sizes becoming a problem**

As a result of reading this message, I would like the student body to voice any concerns they may have on the increase of class sizes. I am a senior at Mansfield University. I have enjoyed my time at Mansfield University a great deal. However, this semester I am not sure that I received the best education from this institution. My professors have had to change their curriculum and alter their syllabi, cutting out valuable exercises and lectures, due to one thing, an increase in class size.

The increase of students in each section of class has a huge effect on the learning environment. In one of my classes the number of students is so high that there are not enough seats available. This same class is a public speaking class, and several speech assignments have had to be made short-

er in length in order for every student to be able to participate.

This may sound like a good thing, to some students. However, it causes students to cram in order to fit the information in that is required, and if they aren't successful they suffer a loss of points. In addition, professors are unable to grade assignments as quickly, or connect with their students, as they would in a smaller class.

The first goal of the Mansfield Plan issued in 2003, and listed on the University web site is "to improve the academic quality of Mansfield University. An integral part of enhancing academic quality is assuring that our students are provided with a unified 'Mansfield experience' both in and outside of the classroom." Where is Mansfield University administration making an effort

to provide a "unified 'Mansfield experience'"? In terms of class size, they aren't. In large classes students become percentages and faces, the personal connection between professor and student is eliminated. And often times students in large classes will either isolate themselves, or begin forming small groups (which isolate themselves) within the class. So that, "unified 'Mansfield experience'" is affected by the number of students in each class.

I would like to invite students who are angered about the size of their classes to speak up and let campus administration see that professors and students are negatively affected. Students can voice their opinions to Student Government Association (SGA), the registrar's office, advisors, Department chairpersons, and the

Provost's office. One student may not make a difference, but together we can be heard and make changes.

One reason that I chose Mansfield University was because of its student to teacher ratio. I liked the idea of smaller classes and knowing my peers and professors. If I were interested in larger classes I would have applied at Penn State, or other big name schools, that would be better recognized on a resume. This semester I was frustrated at the high numbers of students in my classes. I hope that this does not continue, for the sake of the incoming students as well as students who will be returning next year.

Sarah Stoermer

Letter:**Students should use pass/fail policy more**

Dear Editor,

I would like to aware Mansfield University students about a piece of information that has come to my attention here at this fine university we all attend. I have been a student here at Mansfield for 4 years now. During my time here I have learned many different things, making me a stronger student, and person overall. I would like to share a piece of information that has helped my academic career. This is the first semester that I have exercised my privilege of the pass/fail policy. Many people may not know about this option, know very little about it and a few of us may know the policy. For those of you who don't, let me tell you that this policy allows students to take a class, and obtain the credits for it, but not have the grade they receive effect their GPA. According to Ryan Stanley, who works in the Registers office, "students are expected to read the password, and know the policies." I understand that many students, especially at the freshman level, do not know that policies like this exist. I would like to encourage everyone to read the password, which can be found online at www.mnsfld.edu, and understand their rights. As a result of reading this article I hope this will allow everyone to make an educated decision in weather or not they want to use this policy, not just refrain from using it because they are unaware. I know it has helped me, and I am sure it can help many other students.

Sincerely,
A Mansfield University Senior
Samantha Silkovich

Letter:**Response to commentary**

Dear Editor:

I am a member of the class of '74. I enjoy visiting the campus when I can and especially enjoy reading *The Flashlight* on line.

I just read Zach DuBord's column entitled A Fair Suggestion. I have a few things to say.

This is a free country and the free and open exchange of ideas are critical if we intend to stay that way. If Mr. DuBord wants to compare our current administration to Nazi Germany he is free to try and make that point. There are others, far more eloquent than I, who would be delighted to take part in that debate.

My reason for writing is to correct a misunderstanding of the process of amending the Constitution as described in the last few sentences of Zach's opinion piece.

There are two ways to accomplish this.

First a proposed amendment must be passed by both halves of the legislature by a 2/3 margin in both the Senate and the House. Once this occurs it is then sent to the states to ratify. It must be ratified by a 3/4 majority of the states and there is usually a time limit of 7 years to accomplish this.

The second way is for a Constitutional Convention. This must be called for by 2/3 of the state legislatures. Amendments are then proposed and sent back to the states to be approved by a 3/4 majority. This approach has never been taken. At no point does the President have any role in the process and can not veto any amendments that have been passed.

Dr. Paul O'Rourke learned me this way back in 1972. (Sorry that was a swipe at a quality of education column in the same issue.)

Anyway don't fret Zach. The process is long and arduous. If 3/4 of the states agree to an amendment then it really is what the country wants. And seeing how long the process will take if it does come about you will probably have converted to conservatism by then anyway.

John Kerick

Letter:**Greek stereotype has to go**

Dear Editor,

Back in the days of Animal House and crazy sorority or fraternity parties, hazing, and destructiveness lies my request for change. I have been a member of Greek life here on Mansfield's campus for three and a half years. In that time I've come to realize that Greek life just about everywhere has a bad reputation. Many people don't realize what Greek life really has to offer. Community service, late nights, Make A Difference Day, fundraising for national philanthropies, Greek Week, and awareness programs are just a few things that make being Greek at MU a positive experience for college students. All of these experiences can help you in your personal life and in your careers. Greek organizations are run like a business. Weekly meetings, projects/assignments that need to be done on time, and lets not kid ourselves, on occasion there are personal conflicts. All of these aspects of Greek life can help you to become a more well rounded individual. The times of outrageous fraternity parties and hazing are now a thing of the past. Hazing is not only illegal but immoral as well. Ceremonies and the rituals of Greek organizations are no longer based on individual campus traditions, rather the tradi-

tions that their founders sought in developing the organization. Can you imagine girls in the 1900's being hazed to sport Greek letters across their chests? Absolutely not! Greek life is now a door for new and positive experiences for everyone. It's a chance for life long friendships, resume builders, and great times in college. The friendships I've gained through my Greek experiences here at MU have created lifelong memories and friendships that I wouldn't trade for the world. All too often you hear the typical "I'm bored, there's nothing to do." I personally, am never with a dull moment. The sororities and fraternities on this campus, social and professional, have so much more to offer than given credit for. Greek life overall has effected my life in such a great way. I've grown into what I am today as a result of the Greek experiences I've encountered in my time here at Mansfield. Being Greek is more than parties, goofing off, and slacking. It's bonding, creating incredible friendships, having great memories and experiences. After all, "the bonds we share are everlasting."

Sincerely,
Patricia Romanowski

The Hot Stove: The NFL MVP....is it even a race?

By TED MINNER

Flashlight Sports Writer

With only four games remaining in the National Football League regular season, many are already starting to think about the postseason and postseason awards. With the playoff picture still up in the air, the Most Valuable Player this season seems to be much clearer. Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning is having a season to remember. With four games remaining, Manning is easily on pace to shatter the single season touchdown record of 48 held by future Hall-of-Fame quarterback Dan Marino.

Even though other players are having MVP type seasons, Manning is clearly the class of the league this year. Manning's numbers this year are absolutely amazing, surpassing any season his Hall-of-Fame father, Archie Manning, ever had.

Through 12 games, Manning is leading the league in passing yards (3,621), touchdowns (44), quarterback rating (126.3) and yards per completion (13.82). Statistically, Manning is also fourth in the league in completed passes (262) and third in completion percentage (68.1). Right now he is on pace to throw over 50 touchdowns this year, a record many analysts thought would never be reached. The touchdown record had stood for 20. Manning has been able to spread the wealth this season. It is very likely three receivers from the Colts (Marvin Harrison, Brandon Stokley and Reggie Wayne) will all finish with over one thousand yards receiving, 10 touchdowns, and over 70 receptions. This is the type of season that the Colts envisioned when they drafted Manning second

overall in the 1998 draft.

There are contenders for the MVP award though; namely, Donovan McNabb, Daunte Culpepper, Ben Roethlisberger and Terrell Owens. McNabb has been in the running for the MVP before, but this is unquestionably his best season. It is unfortunate that his stellar season is overshadowed by Manning's career year. McNabb is second in the league in quarterback rating, third in the league in touchdown completions, fourth in

favorite. He may pose the biggest threat to Manning, but is still a long shot.

Minnesota Vikings quarterback Culpepper has also had an impressive 2004 campaign. Culpepper is second in the league in passing yards, second in touchdown passes, first in completions and third in quarterback rating. His main statistical downfall is his number of interceptions. Culpepper has thrown 10 interceptions to his 30 touchdowns. Culpepper is one of those quarterbacks that can also be dangerous with his feet just as much as his arm. Through 12 games, he has rushed for 307 yards and two scores. Unfortunately for Culpepper his team has only won seven games thus far. An injury to Randy Moss earlier in the season slowed down Culpepper's hot start and effectively took him out of the MVP race. It has been a great year for the quarterback though, as he is on pace to set individual career records in passing yards, touchdowns and passer rating.

Rookie Ben Roethlisberger of the Pittsburgh Steelers is having one of the best rookie seasons in NFL history. He has already set the single season win mark by a rookie quarterback (10) and has the potential to lead his team to the Super Bowl in his first year. Roethlisberger did not enter the season as the starting quarterback but an early season injury to Tommy Maddox forced Roethlisberger into the starting spot. While there, he has excelled. He has won all 10 games he has started and knocked off unbeaten teams in consecutive weeks. Overall, he is the fourth rated

quarterback in the league, has almost thrown for 2,000 yards, has completed 14 touchdowns and has the fourth highest completion percentage in the league. His play has been outstanding and far beyond what anyone expected when the rookie from Miami of Ohio took the reins of the Steelers. He embodies everything the league MVP should be, the most valuable player to his respective team, but due to the seasons that a few veteran players are having it is highly unlikely that "Big Ben" will win the MVP. The league MVP award may be the only thing that he does not win.

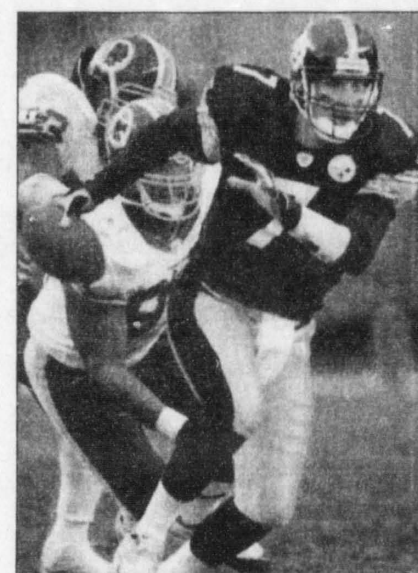


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Ben Roethlisberger has emerged as one of the NFL's top quarterbacks in his rookie season.

The final candidate for league MVP is Eagles wide receiver Terrell Owens. When Philadelphia acquired the wide out in the off-season many did not believe that his personality would fit in on Andy Reid's team. Boy were they wrong. Owens seems to be all that the Eagles were lacking. He has

returned to his super-star form and has cut through defenses across the league. So far Owens has 69 receptions for a league leading 1,130 yards and also a league leading 14 touchdowns. Owens has set team records in receiving yards, is on the verge of setting the franchise record for touchdown receptions in a season, and surpassed the number of touchdown grabs by Eagles receivers last year in the first five weeks. He has also added more attitude and swagger to the Eagles locker room.

There are some other dark horses that have emerged throughout the season. New York Giants running back Tiki Barber was the catalyst behind the Giant's fast start. As the team has cooled dramatically over the last month though, so has Barber.

Drew Brees is the comeback story of the year. After the San Diego Chargers acquired Philip Rivers in the first round of the 2004 draft, Brees time with the Chargers was all but over. A sensational year saved him and possibly his career.

The final candidate is tight end Antonio Gates also from the Chargers. The un-drafted tight end has over 800 yards receiving and 11 touchdowns grabs. His emergence allowed Brees and the Chargers the opportunity to make a playoff run, as the Chargers now lead their division.

The NFL season has provided some incredible performances and plays. By the end I am sure that we will see more. This would seem to be the season of the Manning however. I find it hard to believe that Manning will not end up being the 2004 NFL MVP.

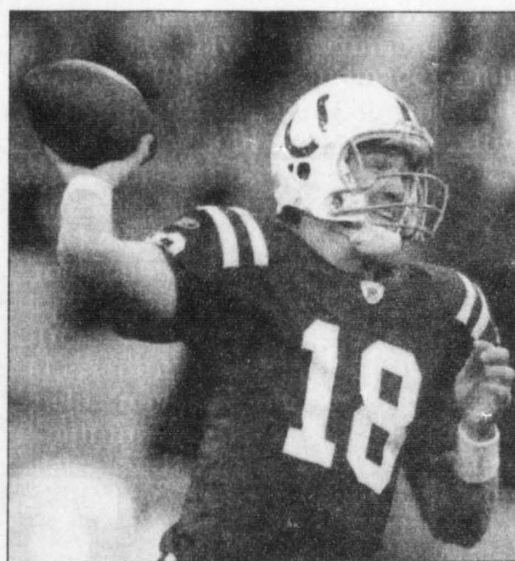


PHOTO BY MICHAEL CONROY/AP
With 44 touchdowns, Peyton Manning is among the front-runners for the MVP.

passing yards and has thrown the second fewest number of interceptions of any starting quarterback. McNabb has truly emerged this season as one of the league's elite quarterbacks. He has guided the Philadelphia Eagles to their fourth straight NFC East Division title and has them atop the entire NFC with an 11-1 record. He claimed that all he had been lacking in the past was a true number one wide receiver and this year, with such a receiver, he has backed up his words. Before Manning caught fire, many considered McNabb to be the early

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Who will be the NFL MVP in
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Mansfield University Swimmers take on competition at IUP Invitational

By MICHAEL PETERS
Flashlight Sports Editor

Led by sophomore Abbe Tipton, the Mansfield University swimmers finished sixth overall last weekend in the IUP Invitational at Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

The Mountaineers, who took part in this three-day event spanning from Dec. 3 to Dec. 5 tallied 242 team points placing them sixth out of seven teams as they fell to the swimmers of IUP who scored 727 team points.

Tipton, a Mountaineer backstroke specialist, took fifth place in the 200-yard backstroke with a time of 2:20.38. Freshman Vanessa McElwee (2:27.69) and junior Kelsey

Hogan (2:32.02) finished the event in fifteenth and eighteenth respectively.

Mansfield University junior Andrea Popovic finished seventh in the 1650-yard free style event in 10:50.50.

Popovic and Tipton did not only compete individually, but they teamed up with sophomore Daniella Borelli and freshman Stephanie Klegarth in the 400 free relay team. The foursome finished in sixth place with a time of 3:58.58.

Klegarth, from Allentown Pa., feels that hard work was the key attribute for their sixth place victory over the weekend. "Every girl on that relay, and the team in general has been working

very hard the past few months," Klegarth said. "I think it really showed this weekend in all of our swims, not just one in particular."

Klegarth is one of many Mountaineer swimmers with limited collegiate experience. She gives Tipton much of the credit for the Mountaineers success at the IUP Invitational. "Our athletic performance went well," Klegarth said. "You really need to congratulate Abbe Tipton. She was the only one from our team to qualify for the PSAC meet."

The Mountaineer swimmer will next compete at 1 p.m. on Jan. 8 at Kutztown University with Edinboro University.

Mansfield Indoor track fairs well at Cornell

Cornell University – The Mansfield University indoor track and field team had four members qualify for PSAC Indoor Championships on Saturday--two school records also fell at the event.

Senior Josh Wooten placed fourth in the 3000 meters with a time of 8:59, which is also good enough to qualify him for the Indoor Conference Championship Meet. Wooten has now qualified for the Indoor Championships in each of the four years he has competed.

Stephanie Cadwell set a school record and also qualified for Conference Championships in the 300 meter with a time of 43:66. Cadwell, a senior, now has set a

total of seven individual school records, and is also a part of four school relay records.

Freshman Amanda Fedish placed sixth overall in the 60 meter dash. Fedish ran a time of 8.20 seconds, with is good enough to qualify her for Conference Championships as well.

Katrina Brumfield leaped into the school record books when she cleared 5-3 in the high jump. That mark was good enough to place third overall at the meet, and qualify Brumfield, a freshman, for Conference Championships.

The PSAC Indoor Conference Championships are held February 26-27 at East Stroudsburg University.

Picks of the Week

Week 14

Mike Peters	Sarah Stoermer	Mike Pastore	Chad Landers	Jonathan Schwab
(109-67)	(109-67)	(104-72)	(109-67)	(113-63)
Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons	Falcons
Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Vikings	Seahawks	Seahawks	Seahawks	Vikings
Jaguars	Jaguars	Bears	Jaguars	Jaguars
Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts	Colts
Cowboys	Cowboys	Saints	Cowboys	Cowboys
Bills	Browns	Bills	Bills	Bills
Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
Jets	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers	Steelers
Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos	Broncos
Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers	Packers
Chargers	Chargers	Bucs	Chargers	Chargers
Panthers	Rams	Panthers	Rams	Panthers
Cardinals	49ers	Cardinals	Cardinals	Cardinals
Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles	Eagles
Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs	Chiefs

This Week in Mountie Sports

	Thursday 12/9	Friday 12/10	Saturday 12/11	Sunday 12/12	Monday 12/13	Tuesday 12/14	Wednesday 12/15
Men's Basketball	Houghton 7 p.m.						
Women's Basketball			Salem International 1 p.m.				
Indoor Track & Field			Ursinus Holiday Classic @ Ursinus				

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Mansfield University women's basketball improves to 4-2

By CHAD LANDERS
Flashlight Sports Writer

The Mansfield University women's basketball team is off to a 4-2 start in the 2004-05 season. This is one of their best starts in a long time, and senior Stephanie Rieser and junior Alison Tagliaferri are two large reasons why. Head coach Ruth Hermansen continues to add to her already impressive tenure as the Mansfield head coach after ending last season with the most wins in team history, 14.

The Mountaineers opened the season on the road at Alderson-Broadus College in West Virginia on Nov. 19. Mansfield looked strong as they took a 33-28 lead into halftime and held the lead until the last five minutes of the second half. Alderson-Broadus rallied and led by three points with 24 seconds left in the game. After missing a final shot to tie the game, the Mansfield fell 71-67 in the opening game of the Davis and Elkins Classic.

Leading the way for the Mountaineers was Rieser with a game high 20 points. She made 8-13 from the floor to lead the team in scoring. Tagliaferri scored 10 points and hauled in six rebounds. Senior transfer point guard Laura Scordino started her Mountaineer career with 10 points and four assists.

Although Mansfield out-shot their opponent 46 percent to 39 percent, they were out rebounded 52-39. Also adding insult to injury, Alderson-Broadus' bench outscored the Mountaineers 34-22.

After starting the season 0-1, the Mansfield looked to rebound the next day against Davis and Elkins College. Rieser continued to enjoy playing in West Virginia as she scored a career high 27 points to lead her team to a 90-66 win. Rieser added a school record seven three-pointers to lead the Mountaineers to victory.

Hermansen is impressed with the way that Rieser started this season. "I would have to say that was the best game Stephanie played in her pretty impressive career," Hermansen said. "It's not because she scored a career best 27 points, but more so because she played so unselfishly today. She was just awesome."

Rieser's school record seven three-pointers passed previous owner

Sarah Barr from 1996. Rieser's 20 points the night before was her previous career high. On this day, she hit 10-17 shots from the floor, including going 7-9 from behind the three-point line and had six assists.

Tagliaferri was overshadowed once again as she hit 9-11 shots for 22 points and pulled in six rebounds. Scordino and sophomore guard Jessica Uhrich each scored 11 points. Scordino had five assists, while Uhrich grabbed eight rebounds.

Mansfield used a 60 percent shooting effort from the floor to jump out to a 55-29 lead at the half. The Mounties finished the game shooting 46 percent from the floor.

"It was a night and day difference in the way we played today in comparison to yesterday," Hermansen said. "Yesterday's loss was just disappointing to all of us and team took it to heart. We played very well defensively and just came like we had something to prove to ourselves."

With the win, Mansfield improved to 1-1 on their West Virginia season opening trip. Rieser earned the honor of PSAC East Player of the Week on Nov. 22.

On Nov. 23, in the confines of Decker Gymnasium, the Mountaineers took on Houghton College. Mansfield used a 40-22 first effort to jump out to a lead that Houghton College never recovered from as the Mountaineers won 63-45.

Four Mountaineers scored in double figures to lead them to the second win of the season. Tagliaferri led the team with a game high 15 points and added six rebounds. Rieser and Scordino both scored 13 points in the game with Scordino adding six assists. Uhrich recorded a double double with 12 points and 14 rebounds, and the only block of the game for Mansfield.

The Mountaineers used this win to go above .500 in the season at 2-1.

Next up for the Mounties was Lycoming College on Nov. 28. The Mounties relied on their three leaders to pull out the win 69-49, but got a nice spark from an unexpected source freshman shooting sensation Alicia Espigh.

Tagliaferri and Scordino both scored 15 points and combined for

eight assists to lead the Mountaineers to victory against Lycoming College.

The surprise for Hermansen came from Espigh as she had a breakout game with 15 points, including 3-3 from three-point territory. Also adding in the victory, Rieser scored 14 points and grabbed nine rebounds. The win improved the Mounties to 3-1 on the season.

The start to December was a seesaw of emotions for the

each player scored 14 points. Espigh remained hot from behind the three-point line going 2-4 and grabbed eight rebounds. Uhrich added nine points and eight rebounds in the loss.

Mansfield shot better with 52 percent shooting and out-rebounded the Fighting Scots 47-42, but committed 16 more turnovers that led in large part to the five-point loss. The loss dropped the Mountaineers to 3-2 on the season, as Edinboro improved to 4-1.

On the following day, Mansfield faced Slippery Rock University on Dec. 5 at Decker Gymnasium.

The Mountaineers needed a last minute lay-up from junior point guard Tiffany Taylor to down The Rock 60-57.

Neither team shot better than 25 percent in the first half. The Mountaineers took a 26-19 lead into halftime, and held on to win 60-57 as Scordino hit two free-throws with 13 seconds left in the game to seal the victory.

In the win, four players scored in double figures to pull out a victory. Once again, Tagliaferri led the team in scoring with 15 points. She is now ninth all-time in scoring in team history with 1,026.

Scordino added 13 points and four assists for the Mounties. Espigh continues to excel for the Mountaineers as she scored 13

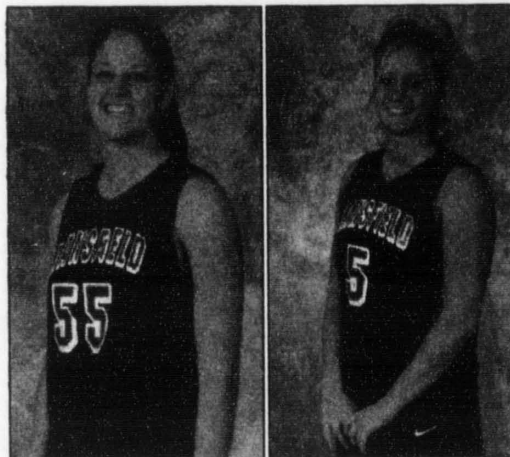
points on 3-5 shooting from behind the three-point arch. Rieser was the fourth player to score in double figure with 12 points and five rebounds. Uhrich continues her impressive rebounding with a career high 16 rebounds against Slippery Rock.

"Everybody really made a contribution in the last minutes of the game," Hermansen said. "Tiff Taylor is the smallest player on the court and she pulls down a critical rebound, and puts it back for her only two points of the game. That's finding a way to win, and that's what this team did today."

Erin Frankovich scored 17 points in the losing effort for Slippery Rock. Mansfield out-rebounded Slippery Rock 45-38, while committing only 10 turnovers in the victory.

Tagliaferri received the honor of PSAC East Player of the Week and Espigh earned Rookie of the Week. Tagliaferri averaged a double double in two games during the week averaging 17.5 points and 10 rebounds. Espigh came off the bench to average 13.5 points over the two-game span. She shot 52 percent from the floor, and hit five of nine three-pointers.

Mansfield improved to 4-2 on the season. At 1 p.m. on Dec. 11, they will host the Salem International at Decker Gymnasium.



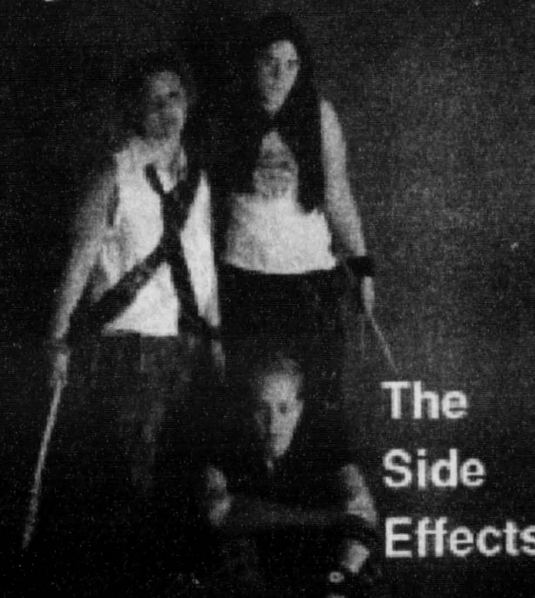
SPORTS INFORMATION
Alison Tagliaferri (left) and Alicia Espigh (right) received PSAC Player of the Week honors for their recent performances.

Mountaineers in the early going of the season. Edinboro University came to Decker Gymnasium and handed the Mounties their second loss of the season 85-80. In the loss, Tagliaferri scored her 1,000th career point on her way to a double double.

In only her junior year, Tagliaferri became the tenth player in Mansfield women's basketball history to score 1,000 points. Tagliaferri is the fastest player ever to reach 1,000 points. Tagliaferri scored 20 points and grabbed 15 rebounds to earn her double double.

Scordino scored 17 points and had 10 assists in the loss. Rieser and Espigh continued to play well as

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MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY ❖ MANSFIELD, PENNSYLVANIA ❖ THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2004

The Mansfield University men's basketball team begins the 2004-05 season with fresh faces at 3-3

By JONATHAN SCHWAB
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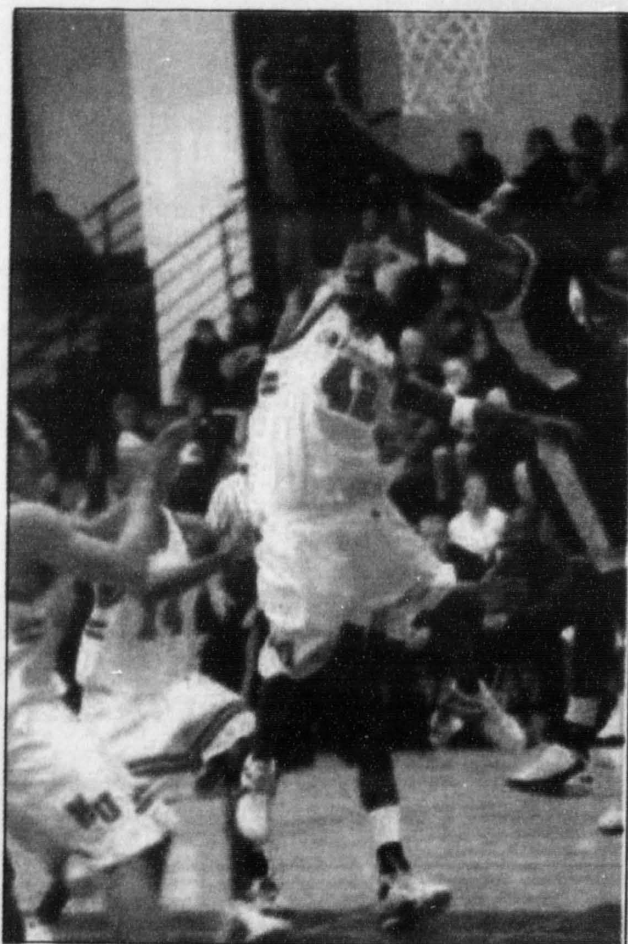
The Mansfield University men's basketball team opened up their season by getting out to a 3-3 start. It has been an up and down start for the Mountaineers as they have worked to develop chemistry after losing six seniors and a sophomore from last year's team.

The Mountaineers began their season on the road to face Houghton College on Nov. 16. Mansfield dominated, allowing only 48 points in a stifling defensive effort. They jumped out to a 21-6 lead, reaching that mark on a lay-up from Bloomsburg transfer Jason Benson. Mansfield led 36-22 at halftime and went about extending that advantage in the second half. A Brandon DeShields lay-in midway through the second half pushed the Mountaineers led to 56-36 and they cruised to a 79-48 win from there. Junior guard Dave Hoopes led Mansfield with 18 points. Justin Kress added 17 points and 10 rebounds to record a double double for the first time in his career.

Mansfield doubled their win total in their next contest. They faced Columbia Union College on Nov. 19 in the first round of the Pitt-Johnstown Tip-Off Classic. The Mounties did not trail after the first minute of action and led 53-35 at the halftime break. Hoopes paced the Mounties with 16 first half points. The Mountaineers relied from there, scoring 28 of the first 40 second half points to build an 83-47 lead. Mansfield won the game 100-61. Hoopes finished the day with 23 points and Kress posted 21 points for the Mounties. The Mountaineers improved to 2-0 with the victory.

The Mounties suffered their

first defeat of the season in their next game, an 87-76 loss at the hands of the hosts, Pitt-Johnstown on Nov. 20. The Mountain Cats carried the play early and often against Mansfield, jumping out to a 40-26 halftime lead. Mansfield attempted to claw their way back into the game, getting as close as seven in the second half, but they came up short. Dwight Hines



SPORTS INFORMATION
Brandon Deshields (42) is a junior guard for the Mansfield University Mountaineer basketball team. This year, he is the leading returning scorer for Mansfield. He averaged 9.4 ppg last season.

and Carlos Cogsdell led the Mountain Cats, scoring 20 and 18 respectively. Mansfield was again paced by Hoopes, as he posted 19 points.

The Mounties brought their 2-1 record into their home opener on Nov. 28 against the nationally ranked Bowie State Bulldogs. Bowie State came into the game

undefeated and showed why, outlasting Mansfield 86-72. The Mountaineers showed promise in the early going, as they overcame a rough start to take a 23-20 lead at the 10:13 mark of the first half on a lay-up by Kress. Bowie State responded with a 12-0 run, sparked by a three-pointer by Kiyam Holloway to give themselves a 32-23 advantage. The Bulldogs would go on to take a 42-36 spread into halftime.

Bowie State quickly turned their halftime lead into a double digit deficit for the Mounties. Mansfield was unable to get the margin under eight after Bowie State got their double digit lead. Derrick Payne led the visitors with 19 points and eleven rebounds. Attila Cosby chipped in with a double double of his own, 12 points and ten rebounds. Kress led four

Mansfield players in double figures with 13 points and seven rebounds. The loss

evened Mansfield's record at 2-2.

Mansfield returned to action on Dec. 4 in their first PSAC crossover game at home against Edinboro of the PSAC West. The Mounties raced out to a 13-6 lead on a three pointer by Jeremy Frey at the 13:16 mark of the first half but Edinboro rebounded. The Fighting Scots

outscored the Mounties 28-17 the remainder of the first half to hold a 34-30 lead at the break.

The opening of a seesaw second half saw the Mountaineers allow the deficit to slip to 10, 41-31 with 17:46 left on a lay-up by Arvin Kottri. Mansfield threw the next punch, coming back with a 12-2 run culminated by two Brian Bryant free throws to even the game at 43. It would be Edinboro though, who put the game away with a big run of their own. With the game tied at 50, the Fighting Scots pieced together a 15-2 flurry to get permanent separation from the Mountaineers. Edinboro cruised from there to an 82-70 triumph. Torry Mitchell scored a career high 22 points along with seven rebounds and six assists for Edinboro. He was supported by a 17 point, 17-rebound effort by Jakim Donaldson. Mansfield got 13 points and five rebounds from Terrance Williams in the loss that dropped the Mounties to 2-3 on the season.

Mansfield for back into the win column the next day, on

Dec. 5, at home versus Slippery Rock, 89-60.

The Mountaineers struggled early against the winless PSAC West foe, falling behind by as many as five in the first half. The Mounties did manage a 39-34 halftime lead on the strength of 17 points from Benson. Mansfield got more from Benson and company in the second half. They used a 15-0 run in that half to pull away and rolled from that point forward. Benson finished with a season best 32 points for the Mounties.

Benson's breakout effort offered a glimmer of what he is capable of, according to Mansfield Head Coach Vince Alexander. "We knew Jason Benson would be an impact player and he showed that today," Alexander said. "We have just been waiting for him to have this kind of performance and he is capable of doing that a whole lot more often." Benson's 32 points upped his season average to 13.7 points per game.

Mansfield's next game will be a rematch. The Mounties will host Houghton College at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 9.

PSAC Basketball Standings

Eastern Division	PSAC	ALL	%	Western Division	PSAC	ALL	%
Kutztown	0-0	7-1	.875	Edinboro	0-0	6-1	.857
West Chester	0-0	5-2	.714	IUP	0-0	7-2	.778
Millersville	0-0	2-1	.667	Clarion	0-0	5-2	.714
Mansfield	0-0	3-3	.500	California	0-0	3-3	.500
E. Stroudsburg	0-0	2-4	.333	Shippensburg	0-0	3-4	.429
Bloomsburg	0-0	2-6	.250	Lock Haven	0-0	1-5	.167
Cheney	0-0	1-6	.143	Slippery Rock	0-0	0-0	.000